

TO: Board of School Directors  
FR: Lisa A. Brown, Superintendent  
RE: March Board Report  
DT: March 28, 2019

### **Student Activities/Recognition:**

Junior Achievement Event – On Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, all of our junior students participated in the Junior Achievement Real Life day. Community leaders provided experiences for our students that revolved around the real life topics of consumerism, budgeting, and other real life skills necessary for meeting with success.

National Geographic Society GeoBee – Michael Harris, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2019 National Geographic GeoBee PA State Competition. The contest will be held on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, at the State Museum in Harrisburg.

Rotary Student – Dylan Kepler has been named the Palmyra Rotary Student-of-the-Month for March.

### **District Activities:**

IU Legislative Breakfast – Bernie Kepler, Abbie Mahaffey, and I represented the district at the IU's Legislative Breakfast held on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The panel consisted of State Senators Ryan Aument and Mike Folmer and Representative Michael Sturla. Topics included the State's budget, the teacher evaluation system, cyber school costs, and property tax revision.

Vulnerability Study – The IU Safety Coordinator, John Baker, completed a vulnerability assessment of our MS campus. Mr. Baker was very complimentary of the efforts with regard to safety in the building. He provided us with a written assessment, and we are in the process of determining priorities as we continue to look for ways to improve security in and around our facilities.

Drug Dogs – On Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the district arranged for the drug dogs to do a surprise sweep of our MS. Thanks to the coordination by the Palmyra Borough Police Department, we were able to have 6 dogs assist in the building. No drugs/controlled substances were found. We continue to utilize this process as a deterrent; rather, than a response to having an issue.

Building Dedication Ceremonies – The district held Building Dedication Ceremonies at Forge Road Elementary School and Palmyra Area Middle School on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The ceremonies involved our students and were well attended by parents and community members.

LCEHS Banquet – The Lebanon County Education Honor Society was established to honor outstanding educators in the public schools of Lebanon County, develop public awareness of educator contributions to their community, and recognize students pursuing a career in education by awarding yearly scholarships. A yearly banquet is held for this recognition, and the members from the six school districts rotate responsibility for the coordination of the event. This year's banquet, to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is being organized by Palmyra members, with Karen McCarthy serving as the LCEHS President. Palmyra's inductees this year include Terri Brier, Tyler Frantz, Becky Hoover, Julie Ibberson, Amy Mateer, Scott Phillips, and Jeff Wilver.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- \*Community Update of Turf Project – Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM (HS Café)
- \*Cougar Committee Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>
- \*Cougar Foundation Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>
- \*Cougar Foundation Mother Son Dance – Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- \*Baccalaureate – Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \*Graduation – Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>