

TO: Board of School Directors
FR: Lisa A. Brown, Superintendent
RE: September Board Report
DT: September 27, 2018

Enrollment Update

Our enrollment as of August 31, 2018, was as follows:

Elem	1575	(June 2018 – 1585)	-10		
MS	896	(June 2018 – 908)	-12		
HS	1150	(June 2018 – 1115)	+35		
Outside	27	(June 2018 – 24)	+3		
Overall	3648	(June 2018 – 3632)	+16	(August 2017 – 3617)	+31

*Largest district class – 7th grade (320 students)

*Kindergarten class – 248 students

Back-to-School Nights

Back-to-School Nights for parents were held the week of September 10th. The evenings allowed for parents to meet their children’s teachers. At the elementary level, principal overview sessions were also held.

CUB Early Learning Parties

In an effort to support the district’s preschoolers and their parents, the elementary staff, under the direction of Becky Hoover, Nate Rackley, and Abbie Mahaffey, has organized four Early Learning Parties. These evenings will provide families with a light dinner, a parent session, and a parent/child joint activity that reinforces the learning from the evening. The four evenings will have a different learning focus (literacy, math, science, & social skill development) and will be held in alternating elementary buildings. This is a way for the district to reach our families during the crucial learning years that occur before the formal educational process begins. Over 40 families are currently enrolled.

Campbelltown Road School Zone

North Londonderry Township has been granted approval to install and operate flashing warning devices for our high school arrivals and dismissals. The devices have been ordered, and NLT is continuing to seek some funding for these devices. A special thank-you is extended to Mike Booth, NLT Manager, and Kevin Snyder, NLT Police Chief.

Fall Sports Season

The fall sports season was kicked-off with the community pep rally, “Meet the Cougars”, that was held on August 25th in conjunction with the 1st Annual Glow Run. Our fall sports participation numbers (and 2017 numbers) are as follows:

Boys Soccer- **37** (39)
Girls Soccer- **37** (36)
HS Cheering- **24** (25)
Golf- **7** – 1 girl/6 boys (10)
HS Field Hockey- **30** (31)
HS Football- **44** (43)
Girls Tennis- **21** (20)
Volleyball- **23** (27)
HS XC- **43** – 14 girls/29 boys (34)
MS XC- **32** – 13 girls/19 boys (37)
MS Football- **43** (44)
MS Field Hockey- **28** (40)

United Way Packets

United Way of Lebanon County continued their first-grade success program for the second year. Each first grade student in the county received a success kit on the first day of school. The kit consisted of a drawstring bag, a Class of 2030 t-shirt, a variety of school supplies, and a family resources guide.

STEM Initiatives

The elementary and MS STEM classes have started in full force this year. The teachers (Tyler Frantz, Josh Short, and Jeff Remington) have developed an initial scope and sequence of curriculum for the courses. An excellent online presence has been started, and the teachers are doing a great job with social media promoting student work in these new course offerings.

Our HS guitar course was featured in a recent Lebanon Daily News article, and WGAL is also scheduled to visit.

Anne Hoover and I visited Milton Hershey Schools to observe their elementary Innovation Lab and their library Makerspace. MHS is willing to allow some of our teachers to visit to develop some collaborative professional development.

Cougar Committee Update

The Cougar Committee's 1st Annual Glow Run resulted in over \$12,000 towards the athletic fields project. The Spaghetti Dinner in the spring brought in over \$5,800. We are pleased with the community support for these initial fundraisers. The Cougar Committee is scheduled to meet on October 10th to continue fundraising efforts and discuss next steps with regard to the turf project.

On-Site Counseling Services

PA Counseling is continuing to provide their services in our district buildings for our eligible students. The service is now provided in all of our buildings (Lingle students would need to be transported to another building). PA Counseling has hired a second full-time therapist to cover PASD schools.

Medical Collaborative Initiative

Dr. Setlock is coordinating the dialogue between Lebanon County school personnel and local medical providers. An initial session was held last year, and they just held a session that focused on the concerns of childhood allergies in schools. This is an attempt to build a stronger partnership between the education services and the medical services.

Safety Drills

Intruder drills will be held at each of our buildings during the week of October 15th. PASD has been practicing these drills since the 2013-14 school year. This year the state is mandating that emergency drills occur at all schools, and they may take the place of a fire drill for that month.

Student-of-the-Month

The Palmyra Rotary Club Student-of-the-Month for September is Priscilla Fake. Congratulations to Priscilla for her efforts. The Rotary Club will be honoring Priscilla at a meeting in October. In addition, Rotary sponsored two of our students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference over the summer. Sarah Sheils and Eugene Lee will be sharing their experiences at a Rotary meeting in October.

Upcoming Events

- *Homecoming Parade – September 28th at 6:00
- *Homecoming Recognition – September 28th at 7:00 before the 7:30 kick-off of the football game
- *Homecoming Dance – September 29th