

TO: Board of School Directors
FR: Bernie Kepler, Superintendent
RE: August 2020 Board Report
DT: August 27, 2020

Student Activities:

On Friday, August 21st, the PIAA voted to begin fall interscholastic athletics. With the MidPenn Conference having voted to delay fall sports until September 4th, our fall season did not start on Monday. Athletic Directors from the conference are finalizing plans for the season.

Enrollment (June 5, 2020):

Kdg:	242	6 th :	283	9 th :	294
1 st :	253	7 th :	275	10 th :	297
2 nd :	244	8 th :	331	11 th :	279
3 rd :	261			12 th :	269
4 th :	267				
5 th :	286				

Enrollment (August 24, 2020):

Kdg:	220	6 th :	295	9 th :	349
1 st :	243	7 th :	282	10 th :	300
2 nd :	258	8 th :	275	11 th :	290
3 rd :	263			12 th :	294
4 th :	269				
5 th :	270				

Cougar Academy Enrollment as of Monday, August 24th:

Kdg:	24
1 st :	18
2 nd :	22
3 rd :	27
4 th :	28
5 th :	17
MS:	61

Other:

The Northside Elementary School renovation project is at a completed state whereby school is able to effectively open. The contractors and the school district will continue to work through final punch list items and work that can be done without an impact to students and staff.

The Athletic Complex construction is wrapping up with final items being completed this week and next week.

Our teaching staff has been busy over the course of August. Beginning in early August PASD staff returned for a myriad of trainings. Teachers completed two to three "trade days" by doing staff development throughout the month of August and will get days off in March and April 2021 as a result. Additionally, the district opening was held yesterday and without many of the typical traditions. Although we were not able to hold the annual district breakfast and opening activities, we did hold a virtual opening and a full day of meetings and trainings for staff. Today provided our teachers with an opportunity for additional trainings and finalizing of plans for opening school on Monday. A credit goes out to our staff as they have embraced the challenge of teaching in an environment where they have had to change most of what they know. We ask our community for patience and grace as there

will be some technology hurdles to overcome at the onset and at specific times throughout our hybrid delivery model. Teachers will be taking attendance throughout the school day, specifically during each class period at the middle school and high school.

As we open the 2020-2021 school-year in a hybrid format with all learners in kindergarten through 12th grade having multiple options for instructional programming, in-person learning, at-home synchronous learning, Cougar Academy and a secondary A/B rotation have all lowered class sizes and social distancing to the extent possible. The utilization of face coverings will be a critical element in our health and safety plan, particularly with regard to our ability to remain open for in-person learning. We ask our community for cooperation with this effort. Facial coverings are required on a school bus and students may be denied entry on a school bus and/or the school building if they are not wearing a facial covering. Our bus drivers have been supplied with an inventory of masks that they will provide to a student without a facial covering. One of the quickest means for having to change to a fully virtual educational program will be an inability to staff our educational system, whether that be bus drivers, teachers or support staff. At this time, we are realizing a shortage of school bus and van drivers. Potential rerouting of buses has been on-going throughout this week upon learning of additional school bus drivers not returning to work. Parents are urged to work together to provide transportation for their children as this will result in reduced numbers of students on school buses. To date, we have utilized all substitute drivers to fill current bus runs. PASD will continue to do our best to staff all departments in our district.

Upcoming Events:

August 31	First Day of School
September 4	No School
September 7	No School – Labor Day
September 12	Donor / Sponsor Appreciation Night 7:00 p.m.
September 18	No School for Students – Act 80 Day