

TO: Board of School Directors
FR: Bernie Kepler, Superintendent
RE: March 2021 Board Report
DT: March 25, 2021

Student Activities:

- Congratulations to Emma Cook for being selected as the Palmyra Area High School March Rotary Student of the Month.
- Congratulations to the following Palmyra Area High School students who earned Student-of-the-Quarter for the second marking period at the LCCTC:
 - Dakota Haulman, Commercial Art
 - Shon Messick, Culinary Arts
 - Jordan Oskam, Welding Technology
 - Chancellor Reisinger, Media Communications

Other:

- Congratulations to Amanda Musser and Lindsay Knepp; district social workers, and Maria Kreider; Director of Food Services, for being highlighted in the National Association of School Social Workers publication: http://www.socialworkblog.org/pressroom/2021/02/essential-social-workers-remain-on-front-lines-during-pandemic/?utm_content=buffer5f0a5&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer&fbclid=IwAR1UoljYlul_zDw5WRX5I59vL-6OwxA8ghGQ9VWQS0deVXgvmNbgLaWiP_I
- Without a federal waiver from state testing, the Pennsylvania State Assessments (PSSA, PASA and Keystone Exams) are required. The Commonwealth, under the federal guidance, has enabled school districts to postpone testing until summer or fall. It is our intent to continue testing during the spring testing window. As a result, Keystone Exams are scheduled for May 17, 18, and 19. To test in small groups, up to 30 proctors are needed for the nearly 250 student testers each day. Students not testing will be involved in asynchronous days on these three testing dates at the high school.
- The Commonwealth's roll-out of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine for education is nearing completion. Wave one vaccines were prioritized by the state and included special education staff, elementary staff, food service staff and bus drivers. PASD's allocation of vaccines in wave one allowed some secondary staff to be vaccinated (March 11-19). Wave two, which is taking place March 25 and 26, includes the remainder of our secondary staff. We also have staff who are awaiting a second dose of the Moderna vaccine that they were able to obtain based on qualifications under Phase IA of the Department of Health's vaccination plan.

Upcoming Events:

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| • March 26, 2021 | Early Dismissal |
| • April 16, 2021 | Early Dismissal |
| • April 19, 2021 | PSSA Testing Begins |
| • April 23, 2021 | Early Dismissal |
| • April 30, 2021 | Early Dismissal |