

**Superintendent Report: October Board Meeting**  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:**

Just a reminder that October is National Principal Appreciation Month. This is an opportunity for district leaders, elected officials, parents, students, teachers, staff, and communities to celebrate and honor our incredible principals for their visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for each student. I cannot be prouder of the work Josh, Tania, and Amy do on a daily basis.

October also has National School Lunch Week and National School Bus Safety Week. We are so grateful for these support roles! Our drivers and food service staff see our students in unstructured situations and have a knack for making kids feel comfortable and loved when not in the classroom setting.

As you have heard, we had Representative Julie Brixie visit the district on Monday, October 16. She was participating in an initiative through Ingham ISD called "Principal for a Day." She shadowed all three building administrators, attended a mental health meeting, spoke to a high school civics class, debriefed our ALICE training with us, answered questions from sixth graders, and read to a third grade classroom. She even attended the elementary's faculty meeting at the end of the day.

The administrative team and I are conducting a book study on the 2018 version of *The Art and Science of Teaching* by Marzano. Our goal is to be just as versed in Marzano's work as our fantastic teachers are.

Administration met with our DSIT team on 10/4/23 and 10/12/23 to plan the half-day of professional learning for staff on Wednesday, 10/25/23. We will be focusing on school improvement and Aggie Problem-Solving Teams. After reviewing the spring 2023 assessment data, we decided to shift our improvement teams to:

- reviewing and updating the teaching and assessment expectation guide (T&AEG)
- providing a boot camp for teachers hired during and post-pandemic for an in-depth study of the T&AEG
- the whole aggie (student and staff well-being)
- math - data analysis, curriculum review, and intervention supports (adding this team required us to hit the "pause" button on social studies for the time being).

The Student Superintendent Advisory Council is back! We have our first lunch meeting today. The council is composed of two students each from elementary, middle, and high school. The students will meet with me four times during the school year to advise, provide feedback, and present viable solutions on a variety of district topics.

Tactical mapping of the district has been completed. Local first responders and law enforcement now have access to these maps via the 911 call center.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

Jamie Vollmer reminds us that it is important for us to tell our stories and share the great things that are happening in our schools! With the absence of information, other people will tell our narratives, and it may not be accurate or positive.

The fall district newsletter is in production! Thank you, Ms. Johnson for staying on top of us to get it done. We will hopefully be working with the media class for the winter edition of *The Aggie News*. Dansville Schools was also featured in the latest edition of *Total Local Mason*.

We have also stepped up our presence on social media, creating daily stories on Facebook and building our presence on Instagram. Check us out!

### **SAFETY & FACILITIES:**

The Linsey Ebert Memorial signs are in production. We will let you know when the dedication will take place. After last month's board approval, the middle school HVAC order has been placed.

We will be adding signage to enhance safety in and around our crosswalks and drop-off lanes around the buildings.

We are in the process of getting quotes to add either perforated deterrent film or bullet-resistant film to doors and windows that have not been completed yet. Again, we are tapping into safety funds provided by the state and following the recommendation of our safety assessment.

All staff have now been trained in ALICE (alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate). This is an options-based approach to dealing with an active threat within the building. Mr. Andrews worked with individuals from the ISD and Mason Public Schools to deliver the training during our half-day of professional learning on September 27.

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

October 25:	Half-Day Dismissal: Professional Development
October 31:	Halloween Parade, Elementary
November 8-9:	Elementary Conferences
November 10:	Veterans Day
November 13-17:	World Kindness Week
November 18:	PTO Craft Show
November 21:	Meet the Aggies (Winter Sports Edition)
November 22-24:	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break

**POSITIVE NOTES:**

- Congratulations to Anna Lloyd who married Ronnie Payne on Friday, October 6. We wish them many years of happiness and health!
- Thank you to Greg Carlen for assisting with crosswalk duties each week on Adams Street.
- We appreciate the families who attended conferences this past week. We love partnering with you in the education of your children!
- Many thanks to Janeen Tkaczyk for organizing dinner for teachers and staff during 6-12 grade conferences.
- The community estimates that over \$3000 has been raised for the Prevo Family through the Spaghetti Dinner event on October 17.