

March 2022

Superintendent Board Report

Girls Basketball:

What an amazing end-of-season run for our girls basketball team – Regional Champions!!! We will be celebrating their success with a special presentation during the Board Meeting. Members of the team will be arriving at 5:00 with the students and the community is invited to join in the celebration.

MDHHS Guidance:

We have finally arrived at a point in the pandemic where MDHHS has fully moved our county into the recovery stage. Updates were provided by MDHHS last week, as the Ingham County Health Department is no longer providing personalized guidance – everything is coming from the State now. We have emailed parents about the current changes but know that this evolution will continue. Let's hope this was our last surge for a long time.

NEOLA:

I met with our representative from NEOLA this week to discuss the Spring Update. With the transition of Mrs. Wonnell into the Superintendentcy, it is my recommendation that we look for a time for the Board Policy Committee to meet in which both Mrs. Wonnell and I are available so that she is connected into this process. As a reminder, the Policy Committee will bring forward a recommendation to the Board for the first reading. The second reading happens at the following Board meeting at which time changes are adopted.

CMAC:

The Superintendents from all Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) schools met on Wednesday, March 16, to discuss concerns that Fulton was leaving the conference. At the meeting, Fulton expressed they are actively seeking to leave the conference with support from their Board of Education and are awaiting approval from the member districts of their new league to make it official. Additionally, they expressed this would be for the upcoming 2022-23 school year – an immediate change. Many items of discussion were brought forward, including that the steps Fulton has taken do not align with the current CMAC constitution, the speed at which they were exiting and challenges for schedules, and future steps.

While frustrations were expressed by many districts with respect to the process, there is not much that can be done if a school is looking to leave; the strength of any conference is in the commitment to the bylaws that have been agreed upon and the spirit in which competition takes place. The CMAC is a league with a tremendous history of sportsmanship and excellence, and all continuing members agreed that these points would continue to be paramount to continued success in the future. Looking forward, it was agreed upon that the league would not look to immediately replace with another district for the

2022-23 school year and continue with eight schools at this time. Conversations may take place for the 2023-24 school year if there was a district that met pre-established criteria (number of teams at both varsity and sub-varsity levels, size of district, geography...), valued the sportsmanship/relationships of the CMAC, and was looking to come in as full member - not just certain sports.