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Superintendent Board Report

Building Relationships:

I continue to be impressed by the great things I see happening in buildings and the warm smiles I'm greeted with when I walk the halls. While I have not had the pleasure to meet with all staff members yet, those I have met with demonstrate a passion and commitment to the students here. This is an important point of pride to consider when looking for the next superintendent – how to continue and build on the positive culture.

Cyber Training:

As you have been briefed in the past, cyber crimes against school districts are gaining popularity. To help combat this, staff members here in the district will be receiving additional trainings and phishing attempts through the support of the tech services with Ingham ISD. As someone who has already gone through numerous trainings, I am still amazed at how real many of the phishing attempts look (and sometimes get me). Please be aware that as Board members, it is also becoming more popular to attack your positions as well. If the Board has any interest in trainings, I would be happy to help arrange for them.

Covid Impact:

Unfortunately, we are going through another surge of Covid throughout our state and within our community. Administrators are monitoring daily attendance numbers for both staff and students as we try to keep a safe and healthy environment. As you are already aware, we have had to close due to staff shortages twice already - something that is happening throughout the county and state. I would like to be optimistic that this will not happen again, but believe it is important for our school leadership to continue with monitoring in case it becomes necessary in the future. To that end, we have received information from MDHHS this week that supply chain issues are causing antigen test shortages, and if districts run out of tests, we will be implementing a mask-to-stay protocol: if students are not displaying symptoms, they will continue to attend while wearing masks. We have been told that there will be additional KN95/KN94 masks available from the state soon.