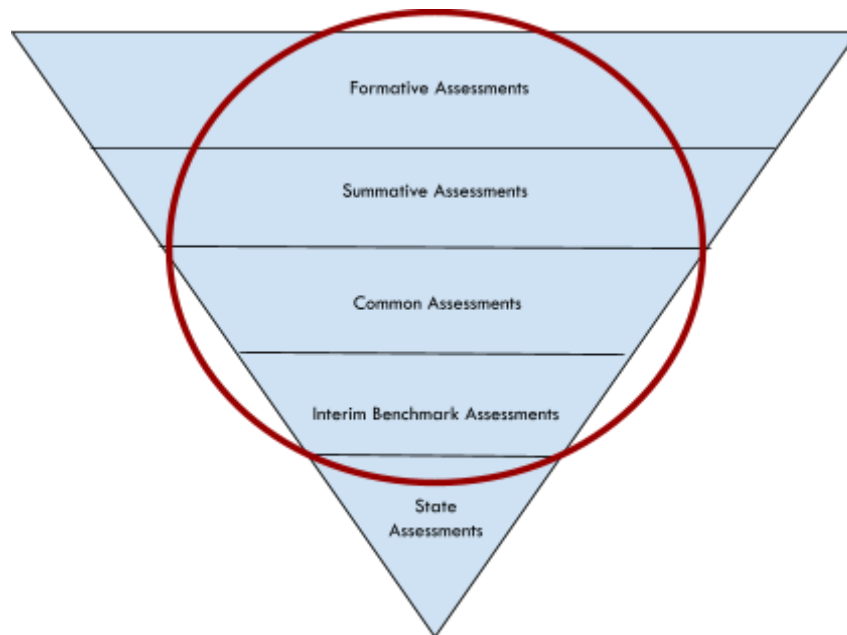


Superintendent Report: April Board Meeting
Submitted on April 20, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

Testing season is well underway. At the time of this report, we have administered WorkKeys, MSTEP, and SAT to the juniors as well as PSAT to our eighth and ninth graders. We are still testing students in grades 3-8 on the MSTEP. We will share results in the fall. It is important to remember that state assessments are only a very small portion of our balanced assessment approach to measure student progress. A true balanced assessment system resembles an inverted triangle:



Summer school planning is being finalized. We are hosting 16 days of learning for select students in grades K-8 from June 5-29 from 8:30 am - 11:30 am. Transportation is provided for families of students in grades K-8. Credit recovery for high school students will run throughout the summer months as needed.

We continue to work through some **bussing** issues. This past month we've had a bus that was rear-ended (not the driver's fault), a regular route canceled for one day due to a driver shortage, and an athletic trip canceled due to a scheduling snafu (not the district's fault). We continue to evaluate our services with Dean and work to improve the services to our students and families.

The state of Michigan has granted us **additional forgiveness time** for the eight "Act of God" days we had experienced. This means that we do not have to make up any extra days or hours after Memorial Day.

Our **school improvement team** has planned our last professional development day of the year. We have begun to plan for summer, new teacher onboarding, and next year's activities. We also attended a webinar hosted by the Michigan Assessment Consortium on *Ten Assessment Literacy Goals for School Leaders*, and we will begin an internal book study by the same name.

Community Day is fast approaching! We are excited to give back to our community who supports us in so many ways. Some of the projects include: food pantries, homeless shelters, animal shelters, hospitals, community landscaping and grounds clean up. We are partnering with Dean Transportation to provide Little Caesars Pizza for all students.

I absolutely adore my time in **conversation with students**. At the time of this report, I have met with 36 seniors to view the district through their eyes. I look forward to sharing some overall trends with our staff and public at the end of the year. I continue to meet with my student advisory group who have provided excellent feedback over this school year.

My **New Superintendent Leadership Academy (NSLA)** through MASA is drawing close to the end. We met virtually on April 11 and discussed communication and marketing strategies for districts. The academy concludes on May 11.

Our administrative team is working hard to end the year strong. There are so many scheduled activities which are compounded by testing, field trips, banquets, and evaluations. However, Tania, Josh, and Amy work tirelessly and have developed great visions for their respective buildings. We look forward to another year together. Soon we will be sending out **surveys** for feedback to help shape school improvement goals as well as our own professional goals.

BUDGET:

Bargaining with the DEA has begun. I have not set a date with our DESPA group, but we have started informal conversations.

We are going to be able to charge our key project to **Section 97 funds**, freeing up **sinking funds** for the drainage project as needed.

FACILITIES:

The key project is nearly complete. We are finishing some final details in the athletic complex. This project went through the bid process which was awarded to Midwest Security. The original bid was for \$27,488. After a couple of change orders at our request, the invoice totaled \$29,396.

Our **electronic signs** are still a work in progress. We experienced a couple of installation issues, and I've reached out to the owner of the sign company to see if we could expedite the completion of the project.

We are in the process of installing **video cameras** in the stairwell that connects the high school to the performance arts / elementary school. This has been a safety concern that is a low-hanging piece of fruit and easy to address.

There are three proposed **drainage projects** before the board of education: one addresses areas outside of the high school gymnasium and media center, the other two around the soccer field. The high school area is a priority as we have had seepage into the new gymnasium. We are also working to get the gym floor repaired through insurance due to the water damage.

Amy Popek, Rick Miller, and I will be doing one final walkthrough with Matrix and Gunthorpe prior to the HVAC project beginning. We want to ensure that everything is set on our end to get the project started on time.

ATHLETICS:

Congratulations to **Megan Zeitz** who earned a spot in the Associated Press's Division 3 All State First Team!

Kourtney Mack signed with Rochester University on April 21 to play volleyball.

Lizzie Carpenter will be signing with Spring Arbor University on May 1 to play basketball.

We are incredibly proud of our **CMAC Scholar Athletes** who have lettered in at least two sports (one in their senior year) and maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA:

- **Devin Ackerson** - Football & Track
- **Elizabeth Carpenter** - Football, Basketball, & Soccer
- **Chase Goff** - Football, Soccer, Cross Country, & Track
- **Sarah Hawkins** - Cheerleading & Softball
- **Kourtney Mack** - Volleyball, Basketball, & Softball
- **Andrea Magnani** - Football, Soccer, & Basketball
- **Cody Ream** - Football, Basketball, & Baseball
- **Zachary Sykes** - Football, Basketball, & Baseball
- **Gracie Taylor** - Volleyball, Basketball, & Softball
- **Emily Tringal** - Basketball & Softball

You're invited! We will have a dedication ceremony on April 26 to officially name the ticket booth at Fuller Field, "**The Brown Family Ticket Booth.**" Come join the celebration!

SAFETY:

The Michigan State Police used our facilities during spring break for K9 training. We are thrilled to have this type of collaboration between our district and law enforcement.



Secure Education Consultants will be debriefing with us their findings and recommendations to **enhance security** within our district on Monday, April 24.

UPCOMING DATES:

- April 26: Half-Day Dismissal, Professional Learning Day
- April 27: K-12 Art Show (see the invite in your yellow folder)
- May 5: Community Day
- May 8: MS Band Concert
- May 13: FFA Banquet
- May 17: Senior Awards
- May 21: Graduation
- May 22: May BOE Meeting
- May 23: 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- May 26: Last Day of School, ½ Day Dismissal
- May 29: Memorial Day
- June 5: Summer School Begins

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

In an effort to model “orangeness” and an attitude of gratitude, I’d like to take a moment each month to highlight individuals and groups who support us along this journey:

- We are so proud of all of our educators at Dansville Schools, and the great things they are doing. The **#proudMeducator** video produced by MDE is a fantastic highlight of our DreamFlight simulator and Ms. St. Amant’s STEAM program. It is also moving to see students, Ms. Dupuis, and Ms. Ebert featured in the video.
- The **Ebert Family** has graciously donated \$1000 back to the district for their gratitude to our staff, students, and families who supported them during their time of loss. The donation will go to our “Jean Fund” to help provide a happy Christmas to families in need since Ms. Ebert was such a champion for serving underprivileged and marginalized students.
- The DMS Student Council organized a **“Snack Drive”** and collected nearly 1500 snacks for elementary students who need a snack during their break time.

