

Superintendent Report: October Board Meeting
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ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

The Superintendent Student Advisory Council met on 12/8. The students asked questions about scheduling and coursework at the high school level and made suggestions for elementary playground improvements. They would also like to see the community campout return.

The principals and I continue to work our way through *Never Underestimate Your Teachers* by Robyn Jackson.

The district is exploring a migration from Outlook mail to GSuite. Google is primarily used in the education sector, and we already use Google Drive and Google Classroom. We are just in the conversation phase at the moment.

The county has received bids on a new special education management program that houses student IEPs and evaluation materials. There was an all day meeting at IISD on 12/7 to listen to vendors present their products. If the county chooses to utilize a new platform, Dansville has offered to pilot the new program.

FACILITIES:

We held a pre-bid walk-through on 12/1 for our HVAC project at the elementary. We are hoping for this to be a summer 2023 project – if units are not on backorder. There is a public bid opening on 12/13.

ESSER II funds helped to purchase voice amplification equipment for the elementary school. Research has shown better student performance and fewer teacher sick days with the use of these systems. Installation will happen over the next few months.

Mr. Harpst and I are in the process of adding additional cameras to our security system. We are particularly interested in providing coverage for our stairwells.

ATHLETICS:

Congratulations to our varsity football team who was named MHSFCA's (Michigan High School Football Coaches Association's) Honorable Mention Team Academic All State for the 2022 season.

Mr. Dassance continues to work on the establishment of an Athletic Hall of Fame along with trophy cases for the high school.

Student and parent survey results are in for the fall 2022 season. Mr. Dassance, Mr. Andrews, and I are reviewing those results and using the feedback to positively impact our athletic programming.

BUDGET UPDATES:

Ms. Johns will be presenting a revision to our 2022-23 budget in the months ahead. Our student count hovers around 760, although we are only funded for 737 students due to shared FTEs with Wilson Talent Center and certain special education programming. With the increase in per pupil funding, we were still able to implement staff raises beginning with the December 2 payroll as previously agreed upon through the bargaining process.

SAFETY:

We continue to wait on our security grant awards from the State of Michigan. Once we have received notification, we will schedule an assessment with a third party vendor and work toward any necessary improvements to enhance security for our students and staff.

Our district received a Certificate of Excellence from the Michigan State Police for achieving 100% pass rate for our school bus safety inspections again this year.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

The Board will host the annual Staff Holiday Breakfast on Thursday, December 15. Thank you for giving your time and talents to show your love and support to our Aggie Family.

This year, we are coordinating holiday gift giving for 26 area families. Seven families have been adopted by area organizations, churches, and the fire department while the greater school community has adopted 19 families. We want to ensure that everyone's Christmas is merry and bright.

UPCOMING DATES:

December 15:	Staff Holiday Breakfast, 7:00 am
December 19 - January 2:	WINTER BREAK
January 3:	School Resumes
January 16:	NO SCHOOL DAY - MLK Day

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:

- Mark Voss from Farmers Bureau Insurance donated \$5000 to our Many Hands Project through the Charitable Agent Fund grant process. Many thanks to Ms. Popek for orchestrating that.
- Many thanks to teachers who have invited me to various special projects in their classes. I've learned about the artificial insemination process in cattle through Mr. Sheridan's HS zoology class. I've shored up my knowledge of all things legislative through Ms. Ebert's middle school legislative day. And, I've helped decorate the Christmas tree with GSRP students.
- It was exciting to see 30 students inducted into the National Honors Society on November 29.
- Thank you to DSEF for assisting with staff holiday gifts this year!