

## Superintendent Report: March Board Meeting

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### ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

- The district currently has four English Language Learners (ELL) who are required to be assessed for English proficiency using WIDA. **Jessica Herzfeld** has been assisting with this assessment and is nearly finished administering it.
  - A **half-day professional learning session** is scheduled for **March 19**. This session will focus on continuing our work on **Aggie Improvement Goals** while also exploring instructional and grading practices in greater depth.
  - The **new elementary Chromebooks** have arrived and are in the process of being imaged for deployment before state testing begins.
  - The **math pilot program** is progressing well. During the second semester, select elementary teachers are piloting **Eureka Math**, while select secondary teachers are using **IntoMath**. Initial feedback suggests that teachers and students prefer **EnVision**, the first curriculum resource piloted, over the current options.
  - **Senior Interviews** have begun. I am using a set of structured questions to gain insight into our district from the students' perspective. This feedback will help us celebrate our successes and identify areas for potential improvement.
  - **March is Reading Month** activities have been a great success! This year's **March Madness** theme has been engaging, and I have enjoyed the opportunity to visit classrooms and share my love of reading with our youngest learners.
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### BUDGET

- As previously reported in March 2024, we remain in the **negotiation phase** regarding our **pupil transportation consortium** with IISD, Webberville, and East Lansing in partnership with **Dean Transportation**. Becky Hills, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, has been leading these negotiations for another five (5) year term. I have requested that we reconsider the **routing portion** of the contract—either bringing it back to the ISD or establishing a shared position among the districts to improve coordination between Dansville Schools and Dean Transportation.
- **Bargaining season** is approaching. David Stibich is currently working on Budget Revision II and will provide financial guidance to ensure we present the best possible offer to our employees for the 2025-2026 school year.

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## FACILITIES

- We have initiated a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a **facility study**. At this time, there are no new updates to report.
- Repairs for **Room 116** are estimated to be completed within **5-7 weeks**, pending the arrival of all necessary components from Gunthorpe.
- The **HVAC system** in the Spanish classroom has developed an **unbearable hum**, and Mr. Miller is currently working to resolve the issue.
- The **athletic complex well** has once again tested **positive for coliform** this spring. Rick is in the process of shocking the well and will conduct additional water testing before the start of the spring athletic season. We are hopeful that this issue will be resolved more quickly than last year.
- The **track evaluation** determined that for \$2,300, we can make 3-4 necessary repairs and repaint the track, extending its lifespan by 4-5 years. For budgeting purposes, a full resurfacing was estimated at \$350,000.
- Rick Miller, David Stibich, Jeff Dassance, and I have reviewed our **existing asset plan**. The forthcoming **facilities study** will help guide the long-term management of district assets.
- **Dansville Schools' Hall of Fame Initiative:** We are in the early stages of planning an **interactive Hall of Fame** to showcase:
  - Notable graduates
  - Digital trophy cases
  - Record boards
  - Digital yearbooks
  - Top graduates
  - And more...

Further details will be shared as the project develops. See the concept ideas on the last page of this report.

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## SAFETY

- Our schools have successfully completed **fire drill #4 of 5** and **lockdown drill #3 of 3** for the year. All completed drills are posted on the district website.
- The **district-wide safety-focused professional development** session on February 26 was successful. **Many thanks to Fire Chief Whipple** for his support and expertise during the training.

- We are preparing an **Invitation to Bid (ITB)** for an **upgraded public address system** that will enhance district-wide security measures. The ITB is expected to be released soon.

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- The district remains actively involved in **Memorial Day planning** with the **village**. As part of this, Dansville Schools will:
  - **Host a Sunday night outdoor movie** on the **football practice field**
  - Organize **Community Day** activities, during which students will assist with **cemetery clean-up**
- **Kindergarten Round-Up** was held last week, with **47 students** registering for the **2025-2026** school year.
- **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences** were successfully completed. Many thanks to the **PTO and secondary parent volunteers** for providing dinner for our teachers on these long days.

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## UPCOMING DATES

- March 19:** Half-Day Dismissal,  
Professional Learning Day
- March 21-30:** NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- April 9:** SAT / PSAT Testing Day
- April 30:** Half-Day Dismissal,  
Professional Learning Day
- April 30:** Community Day

