

To: Dansville School Board Members
From: Andy Cox
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Re: DES update

- Mid-year goal meetings are being conducted this month with each teacher and paraprofessional. This is a valuable time to check in on the progress that each staff member is making on the goals they set for themselves in the fall.
- FAST Bridge and Spring Math screening has been in full swing the past two weeks. This is an important time to get a quick check on student progress as we compare their results to their fall data. Decisions will then be made about additional interventions needed to support student growth such as Summer School, classroom interventions, and/or time with an Instructional Aide.
- Kindergarten and Beginndergarten Round Up will be held on February 9, 10, 16, and 17 from 4:00-7:00 in the elementary. This is a big event to give us an idea of how many sections to plan for during the next school year. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may have a student turning 5 by September 1 (for Kindergarten) or turning 5 before Dec. 1 (for Beginndergarten).
- Behavior data for the first half of the school year has been reviewed and provided in a more visual format for your information. Physical aggression is the primary disciplinary issue as students continue to learn how to express themselves appropriately and respectfully. Overall discipline referrals are significantly down this year. This could be due to few students physically at school of course, but I also believe the cohorting of students on the playground has helped create a sense of family for these students leading to less conflict.
- We were fortunate to be able to hire a much-needed paraprofessional to assist with our Behavior Intervention classroom. Her name is Rachel Beatty and she is a graduate from Grand Valley Statue University. This currently fills all of our open positions, but we are in desperate need of substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.