

To: Dansville School Board Members

From: Andy Cox

Date: November 17, 2021

Re: DES update

- Thanks to the NHS for leading another successful food drive for Dansville families in need. By the appearances of the piles of food in the elementary hallways I'd say we had a fair amount of participation.
- We had a tremendous amount of parent involvement for Parent Teacher Conferences at a 96% attendance rate.
- Elementary teachers are still receiving opportunities to meet for coaching with Heidi Gascon from the ISD. We are so fortunate to have Heidi assist us with literacy coaching with a particular focus on the Literacy Essentials. We have been pinpointing small group instruction as the very best way to give students the most precise instruction they need to make progress with the learning targets.
- Our first Mackinac Trip parent meeting was held recently to give parents an idea of the itinerary. Also, for the first time ever, an optional fundraiser is being conducted to help offset the costs of the trip for families. Students will have the opportunity to see Little Caesar pizza kits which yields a student \$6.00 per sale. A special thank you to Ms. Main for setting this up to benefit our families.
- Lisa Krejcik has been intentionally bringing various Art and PE integration activities to the teachers' attention during our monthly staff meetings. These activities can be applied to most instructional times of the day and range from calm breathing techniques to improve focus, to specific doodling techniques called "Zentangles" that can help make learning visual.