

Superintendent Report: September Board Meeting
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ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

September is when things get “real” in schools. We are past the first few honeymoon days of the new school year. Our administrators are busy daily with parent and student conversations, visiting classrooms, and meeting with teachers to set professional growth plans for the year. We work hard to ensure that individual professional goals are aligned to the district improvement plan.

Another lingering task from COVID-19 legislation is K-8 benchmark goals and assessments for reading and math. Non-K-8 programs must also post one academic goal. We are required to report our progress on these goals in February and before the end of the year.

Elementary and Middle School Goals

Goal Category	Goal Related to Achievement or Growth on K - 8 Benchmarks as required by law (MCL 388.1698b, MCL 388.1704a)
Middle of the Year Reading Goal	All students will improve performance in reading from August to January as measured by FastBridge. At least 75% of students will be in the low risk level.
End of the Year Reading Goal	All students will improve performance in reading from August to May as measured by FastBridge. At least 80% of students will be in the low risk level.
Middle of the Year Mathematics Goal	All students will improve performance in mathematics from August to January as measured by SpringMath. At least 75% of students will reach mastery of all high leverage skills at their grade level.
End of the Year Mathematics Goal	All students will improve performance in mathematics from August to May as measured by SpringMath. At least 80% of students will reach mastery of all high leverage skills at their grade level.

High School Goal

Middle of the Year Mathematics Goal	All students will improve performance in mathematics from August to January as measured by SpringMath. At least 75% of students will reach mastery of all high leverage skills at their grade level.
End of the Year Mathematics Goal	All students will improve performance in mathematics from August to May as measured by SpringMath. At least 80% of students will reach mastery of all high leverage skills at their grade level.

Just a reminder that October is National Principal Appreciation Month. This is an opportunity for district leaders, elected officials, parents, students, teachers, staff, and communities to celebrate and honor our incredible principals for their visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for each student. I cannot be prouder of the work Josh, Tania, and Amy do on a daily basis.

I was fortunate to attend the superintendent conference this week in Traverse City. Not only did I attend sessions specifically designed for new district leaders, I was able to co-present with Dr. Spickard from DeWitt on women in leadership.

PERSONNEL:

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members to the Aggie Family:

- Debbie Plourde, 5th Grade Teacher
- Cassidy Doxtader, Elementary DESPA

BUDGET:

Next month we will have a presentation on our financial audit by Maner Costerisan. Initial reports are looking very positive. We are also looking forward to Count Day on October 5.

COMMUNICATION:

Free meals for all students through the National School Lunch Program has ended. We've been working extremely hard to get the word out that families must complete the Free/Reduced Lunch application if they need assistance with school meals. Having families complete this application is also critical to much of the funding we receive for serving at-risk children. Specifically, it can affect certain grant applications, such as Title I and II, 31a, private grants, and eRate (for subsidized technology-related purchases).

We continue to work on our fall newsletter which should be released any day now.

FACILITIES:

There will be a special presentation on Monday night from Matrix Engineering to review the air quality project for the elementary school.

Daktronics, who manufactures electronic signs, has had a change in personnel. The representative we were working with to get the signs ordered is no longer with the company, so Mrs. Jones and I are having to investigate the status of our order.

ATHLETICS:

Mr. Andrews and Markas Hamlin, student board of education representative, will be taking over athletic updates.

SAFETY:

SetSeg conducted a safety walk-through on August 24 with Mr. Miller and me. The loss control consultant provided feedback on practices we could improve to create a safer environment for students and staff. Ingham Township Fire Department also performed a walk-through of our buildings on September 6 and 7. The inspector was able to provide feedback as well on additional items that would enhance the safety of our schools.

Mr. Jon Harpst is helping to coordinate a test of our lockdown systems on the afternoon of our professional development day, 9/28.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH / PARTNERSHIPS:

The Class of 1962 met with me on Saturday, September 17 for a tour of our campus as part of their class reunion. What a great opportunity to highlight the investment our community has made for our district and the contributions the Dansville community continues to make on behalf of the Aggie Family!

Ms. Popek is working with the ITFD to coordinate activities for Fire Prevention Week.

UPCOMING DATES:

September 23:	Homecoming
September 28:	Half-Day Dismissal: Professional Development
October 7:	Half-Day: FALL BREAK
October 10:	No School: FALL BREAK
October 26:	Half-Day Dismissal: Professional Development

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:

- CADL and PTO collaborated to bring Kona Ice and a Literacy Lawn Party to Johnson Park on September 13. It was a huge success!

- At the time of this report, Homecoming Week is in full swing. Many thanks to Mr. Andrews who spearheaded most of the activities and to our amazing staff for their advice, support, and enthusiasm. The pride of the Aggie Family truly shines brightly!