

**To: Dansville School Board Members**

**From: Andy Cox**

**Date: January 23, 2019**

**Re: DES update**

- Our Parent Literacy Engagement Nights have been a big success so far this year. We have held three out of five with good attendance both times. This is targeted for families of preschool through first grade aged students and is a component of the K-3 Reading Law passed in 2017.
- Our Student Council is busy brainstorming and representing their designated classrooms. The first project of the year has been to distribute neighborhood baskets of cheer from the district to those neighbors closest to our facilities as a way of saying thank you for enduring the noise, dirt and congestion the building project has created.
- FAST Bridge screening has been completed this week. 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. The Instructional Aide is a new position freshly hired this month to support individual student interventions needed as diagnosed by our Spring Math program.
- Kindergarten and Beginndergarten Round Up will be held on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:30 in the elementary cafeteria, hallway and a few classrooms. This is a big night 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<sup>st</sup> or turning 5 before Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Consumers' Day that the third grade teachers and students put on to demonstrate their learning of economics. This is a fun event that has a Science Fair feel to it as each student attempts to sell you their homemade products. This event is in the elementary cafeteria at 2:00.
- We welcome Nancy Gatesy back to finish the year out as our Speech Teacher. Andrea Loomis has decided to pursue part-time opportunities in order to spend more time with her two young children.