

School Board President's Report
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Dr. Steinhauer's Goals for 2019-2020

Each year the School Board establishes goals for Dr. Steinhauer to set the direction for the school year. This year there are four areas of focus:

- 1. Learning for the Future - The Superintendent will implement curriculum, instruction, and programs that equip students with future oriented competencies.**
- 2. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) - The Superintendent will lead the learning of social and emotional competencies as critical components for each child's educational program, using the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) model.**
- 3. Safety and Security - The Superintendent will prioritize safety and security for students and adults in our school and facilities.**
- 4. Community Outreach and Partnerships - The Superintendent will strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders to advance the District's mission and vision.**
- 5. District Program Performance - The Superintendent will benchmark district performance against best-in-class standards.**

These goals will be posted on the District website tomorrow.

Extra Mile Award

I am pleased to announce that our first Extra Mile Award for this school year is High School Campus Manager Mrs. Donna Rizzo. Mrs. Rizzo was nominated by High School Unit Principals Joel Thompson, Katelyn Deet and Carlie McGinty. In their nomination they state that "Donna works tirelessly to create a caring and safe environment for all of our students. Donna is one of the first staff members on campus each morning as she greets our 45 plus students who catch a 7a.m. bus to attend Parkway West Career and

Technology Center. She has created such a genuine rapport with our Parkway students over the past few years that last June the graduating seniors asked that she read their names at commencement. She was nervous, and carefully practiced pronouncing each student's name beforehand, but she did an awesome job! Donna always volunteers to work many of our evening events, attending Link Crew Night, Evening Theater plays, choir Cabarets and spring musicals. At all of these events you can find her engaging with our students in a positive manner. She and our other campus managers do an excellent job of promoting a positive school climate while helping ensure our students are safe.”

On behalf of the School Board and Dr. Steinhauer I would like to congratulate Mrs. Rizzo and ask that you step forward to receive a certificate of recognition as an Extra Mile Award winner.

Howe Visit

On Friday, September 13, I had a wonderful visit at Howe Elementary School. I visited the 3rd grade Spanish class and observed students learning to use QR codes. In the library the 3rd grade was reading the book “Little Bits” which explored leaning circuitry in preparation for a project that is aligned to the book.

In music class I observed the students using Quaver Music, an online music curriculum that students love. In the Life Skills/Autistic Support Classroom the teacher was using using Verbal Behavior and Applied Behavioral Analysis Programming to support student learning.

I stopped in the afternoon kindergarten class and watched as the teacher used the Mimio board to teach phonics. In 4th grade science, students were working with a hands on weather unit using complex vocabulary. I wrapped up my visit to the art room where the students were studying abstract art.

I want to thank Dr. Michelle Murray and all of the teachers who graciously welcomed me into their classrooms. It was a great visit.

Band Festival Announcement

To close my report I'd like to invite the community to attend the Mt. Lebanon High School Marching Blue Devil Band Festival on September 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Stadium. Plan to attend to hear some outstanding performances by our band and other local high school bands.

That concludes my report.