



# CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Workshop Session 2.10.2020



## CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report

[VIEW THE MEETING](#)

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



The Carmel Clay School Board recognized The Smoky Row Elementary Spell Bowl Team on becoming State Champions! [Watch the Special Presentation](#)



## WORKSHOP TOPIC

Carmel Clay Schools has been collaborating with Carmel High School students to create a new tagline and logo for the district. Carmel High School students in Digital Design 3, and their art teacher, Mr. Michael Lee, presented on phase II of the CCS Rebranding Project. During this workshop, students engaged Board Members in a workshop activity on logo development and unveiled their final four logos for the district.



[Watch the Workshop Topic](#)



Carmel High School students, Art Teacher Mr. Michael Lee and Community Relations Liaison Mrs. Courtney Taylor stand beside the students' final four logos for the district. From L to R: (Mr. Michael Lee, Connor Chadwick, D.J. Lloyd, Cidney Owen, Stephanie Breeze, Andrea Arana Gomez, Sarah Seigel, Alexa Barreras, Luis Milano Chambert and Mrs. Courtney Taylor)

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Beresford reported that communication went out to all CCS Families last week regarding the updated policy on background checks for visitors and volunteers. He stated the district continues to take proactive steps to keep students and staff safe. Effective immediately, this policy requires volunteers and visitors in classrooms and lunchrooms to have a background check completed and renewed every three years. If you already have a background check with Carmel Clay Schools, there is no action needed. If you need a background check, please [click here](#). If you have multiple students who attend multiple schools in Carmel, you only need one background check.
- Dr. Beresford shared that Culture of Care Week is occurring this week. The Culture of Care was an initiative created during the 2017-2018 school year by CHS Principal Tom Harmas, the CHS leadership team and the Counseling team. The goal of Culture of Care week is to celebrate and promote mental wellness by encouraging students to engage in activities that teach and support social, emotional and self-care skills. It also promotes positive connections between students, their peers, and school staff. Every school in the district is participating this year. Each school has coordinated their own unique activities. Dr. Beresford shared some examples of how different schools are celebrating:
  - CHS students will participate in activities such as making their own jewelry, creating stress relieving fidgets, and promoting random acts of kindness. The planetarium will feature two presentations on mindfulness, and there will be therapy dogs visiting on Friday. The Champions Together and student government club will be collaborating to make sure that “no Greyhound sits alone” during lunch.
  - At Woodbrook, there is a gumball machine poster in the teacher’s lounge for staff. Staff members will fill out a gumball and thank each other for something kind they have done.
  - Carmel Middle School has placed a large “Be the I in Kind” bulletin board and is encouraging students to stand in the “I” and take a photo to post on social media with the hashtag #CAMisKind.
  - Carmel Elementary students and staff are participating in themed outfit days. On Tuesday, students and staff will be wearing neon to showcase that kindness brings out the brightness in life!
- Dr. Beresford reported that he attended the Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe at Carmel High School last Saturday. He said the students, stage crew, and directors put on a wonderful performance. He gave kudos to the performers and directors for being able to convert the complexities of the story into a play.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

- Dr. Beresford encouraged families to attend a free showing of "Screenagers NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience," on Thursday, February 13th at Carmel High School. He thanked the Carmel Youth Assistance Program for sponsoring this event. This film examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media, and most importantly, what can be done in our schools and homes to help them build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in this digital age. The film will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A, featuring experts in adolescent mental health and education. The panelists include Carmel Clay Schools' Mental Health Coordinator Stephanie Whiteside, Mini Minds Co-Owner Megan Peck, Behavioral Pediatrician Dr. Nerissa Bauer and School Resource Officer Sgt. D.J. Schoeff.
- Dr. Beresford shared that registration is now open for the 2020 Spring Parent School Safety Academy, but there are only a few seats remaining! This is a unique program to Carmel Clay Schools that teaches parents the school safety principles and fundamentals that guide response protocols in our schools. The event will take place March 3rd and 4th at the Educational Services Center from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, you can submit your application [here](#).
- Dr. Beresford congratulated CHS Senior Jayana Hammonds for winning a Lilly Endowment Scholarship! Hammonds is one of only four students in Hamilton County to receive the prestigious honor, which provides four years of paid tuition to any Indiana college or university.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the 24 Carmel High School seniors who were selected as candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Only 4,500 high school seniors across the U.S. who demonstrate high academic achievement are invited to apply to become an official U.S. Presidential Scholar, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. In April, the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars will review applications and will select up to 161 students for the U.S. Presidential Scholar Award based upon their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership, service activities, and the quality of content in their essay.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated Clay Middle School World Language Teacher Chris Kleman for receiving a Lilly Teacher Creativity Fellowship Grant! Only 100 educators across the state are awarded this grant, in the amount of up to \$12,000. The commitment behind this competitive program is to recognize, re-energize and support Indiana educators. Chris will be traveling to Spain to experience Spanish culture and explore the origin of Spanish through culturally relevant areas and museums. He will also be walking the "Camino de Santiago" as a personal pilgrimage to explore his own Spanish history.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Creekside Middle School Wildcats for capping off an undefeated 35-0 season by winning the Hamilton County Basketball Tournament!
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the CHS Cheer Team for placing 10th at UCA Nationals in Orlando! He mentioned it was great to see them make it through semi-finals and compete in the finals Saturday night.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

- Dr. Beresford congratulated the CHS Wrestling Team for winning Regionals! The team will compete Saturday at Semi-State with hopes to advance to the state finals! Dr. Beresford shared that three student-athletes were named Regional Champions, four student-athletes earned runner-up, and three student-athletes placed fourth. Dr. Beresford also recognized Regional Champion, Suhas Chundi, who captured his 100th career victory in wrestling. He is the 18th wrestler in CHS history to reach this accomplishment.
- Dr. Beresford congratulated the Girls Swim Team as they advanced 23 out of 24 individuals swims and all three relays to the state competition. The Greyhounds scored 574 out of a possible 581 points to secure a 36th consecutive sectional win! They will now compete at the IHSAA State Championships this weekend to earn their 34th consecutive state title!
- Dr. Beresford's Bellringer of the evening was thanking everyone for his 60th birthday celebration! He said he had never experienced such a wonderful outpouring of birthday wishes! From the thousands of handmade cards from students, to the video compilation of creative messages from every school, it was truly a special day! He mentioned the best part of his birthday was when staff and students participated in random acts of kindness and pay it forward Friday, using the hashtag #happybdayberesford on Twitter. Dr. Beresford said that Carmel Clay Schools is a special place with special people and that he continues to be the luckiest superintendent on the planet!

[Watch the Superintendent Report](#)

## CCS KUDOS



The School Board would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of staff members as brought to their attention by the Carmel community. Kudos to Rachel Cole, Robin Wood, Nichole Cole, Jacob Campbell, Lexi Ripple, Don Thornton, Dan Willaford, Skyler Webb and William Brown! If you would like to share your positive CCS employee experience with the School Board, please [click here](#).

## ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### FEBRUARY 2020

### MARCH 2020

Please click [here](#) to view upcoming Board Meetings, breaks and holidays

Feb. 17 - President's Day (No School)  
Feb. 24 - School Board Regular Session

March 9 - School Board Workshop Session  
March 23 - School Board Regular Session



### ATTENTION VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

Carmel Clay Schools continues to take proactive steps to keep our students and staff safe. On January 27, 2020, the Carmel Clay School Board approved changes to Policy 8120-Volunteers.

Effective immediately, this policy requires volunteers and visitors in classrooms and lunchrooms to have a background check completed and reviewed every three years. The previous policy required background checks for volunteers every five years and did not require background checks for classroom or lunchroom visitors.

If you currently have a background check on file with Carmel Clay Schools, there is no action to be taken at this time. You will be notified via email prior to your background check expiring.

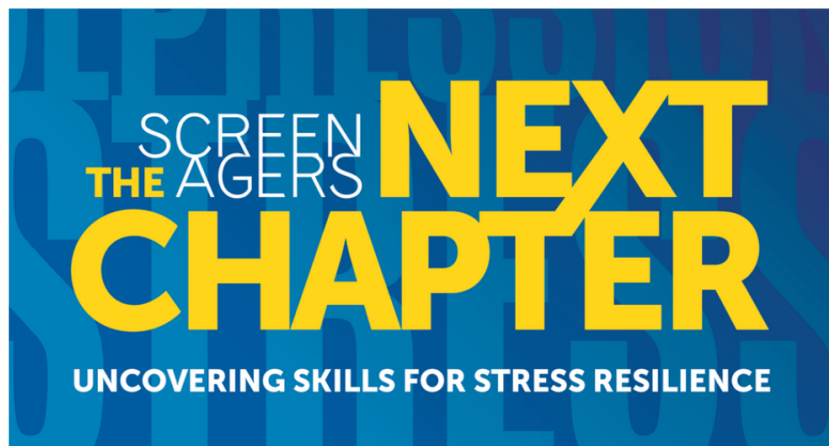
For individuals who need a background check, please visit  
<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/volunteer-information>.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for a free screening of



**February 13, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
**Carmel High School**



Thank you to CYAP for sponsoring the film.

The film is recommended for parents and students grades 6-12. We encourage parents, teens, grandparents, educators, friends and anyone wanting to support and encourage young adults in today's fast-paced, social media driven world to attend.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A, featuring experts in adolescent mental health and education. The panelists include:



**Stephanie Whiteside, LCSW**

Stephanie Whiteside, LCSW is a Licensed Clinical Therapist. She has worked in Children's Mental Health since 2008. Stephanie is the Mental Health Coordinator for Carmel Clay Schools where she heads the mental health and social-emotional learning initiatives for the district.



**Megan Peck, MEd, MSW, LCSW**

Megan Peck is co-owner of the Mini Minds, a comprehensive practice that offers a variety of services and supports to address the whole child and family. Megan Peck is also a Licensed Mental Health Therapist.



**Dr. Nerissa Bauer**

Dr. Nerissa Bauer is a behavioral pediatrician, blogger at Let's Talk Kids' Health, entrepreneur, Tweetiatrician and a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics. She started a part-time behavioral health private practice in April 2019 in Indianapolis and offers parent training and Girlology programs.



**SRO Sgt. D.J. Schoeff**

Sgt. D.J. Schoeff oversees the SRO unit at Carmel Clay Schools. He currently serves as 1st Vice President of the National Association of SROs. Throughout his career, he's provided social media safety tips and education to thousands of parents and students.

Are you watching your children scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Could social media be impacting your child's mental health?

We invite you to join us Thursday, February 13th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Carmel High School for our Parent Awareness Night, which includes a free showing of **SCREENAGERS NEXT CHAPTER: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience**. This 70 minute film examines the science behind teen's emotional challenges, the interplay of social media and most importantly, offers strategies on what can be done in our schools and homes to help them build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in our digital age.

The film is recommended for parents and students in grades 6-12. We encourage parents, teens, grandparents, educators, friends and anyone wanting to support and encourage young adults in today's fast-paced, social media driven world to attend.

To watch the trailer of the film, [click here](#).

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**Featuring the talent of elementary and middle school students from Carmel Clay Schools**

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**Thursday, February 27, 4:30 - 9:00 P.M.**

**Carmel High School Auditorium**

**\*Free admission and open to the public!**

*Additional parking is available at the Carmel High School*

*Football Stadium (guest entrance) with complimentary shuttle service*

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The Musical Showcase is made possible  
by the Carmel Education Foundation  
with generous support from United Fidelity Bank



Funds received from Showcase sponsorship will be shared with the  
music departments of participating schools.

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