



# CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS

School Board Regular Session 4.27.2020



## CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved:

- Claims
- Payroll
- Personnel Report
- Minutes: Workshop Session - March 9, 2020
- Minutes: Regular Session - March 23, 2020

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Mr. Bruce Wolf, better known to most everyone as “Wolfie,” will be retiring after 40 years with Carmel Clay Schools. Wolfie has been a dad, coach, counselor, cheerleader, and positive influence for thousands of Greyhounds, and has played a huge part in making inclusion part of the culture of CHS. He started as a science teacher at Carmel High School in the fall of 1980. Wolfie then entered the athletic office working as the Assistant Athletics Director. During his time in this position, he has seen a growth in participation by over 100% and the addition of many programs. Wolfie was also a highly successful defensive coach for the football team

through the 80's and early 90's. The Greyhounds won four state championships during his time with head coach Jim Belden. He also gave significant contributions to the baseball program, serving as assistant coach and later on as the head coach of the program. Wolfie's contributions to the Champions Together Initiative and Unified Sports has put Carmel at the leading edge in the state and nation for Inclusion in Education-Based Athletics.

[Watch the Announcement](#)

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The Carmel Clay School Board recognized students who received perfect ACT/SAT Scores. Congratulations to Aiden Ascioti, Deetya Iyer, Tara Kandallu, Angela Li, Raphael Li, Justin Pallotta, Mohnish Pandey, Kian Robinson, Logan Sandlin, Min-Seok Sim, Yannik Singh, Harry Wang, Natalie Wells, Iris Yan, Brian Zhang, and Leonardo Zhou!

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The Carmel Clay School Board recognized the Carmel High School Debate Team for their outstanding accomplishments during the 2019-2020 season. Congratulations to Ayaan Abbasi, Abhi Ankaraju, Faith Austin, Pol Berger Romeu, Sowmya Chundi, Edward Dong, Isabella Fallahi, Marissa Finney, Neo Hoang, Jasmine Hsu, Nicholas Hsu, Meghna Iyer, Yiling Li, Jade Mehta, Sage Mehta, Anushka Pandey, Sanjana Patharla, Sanchali Pothuru, Leo Rubchinsky, Andrew Sanchez, Shrithan Sandadi, Jordan Seigel, Rohil Senapati, Daniyal Sher, Kate Smith, Saumya Somasi, Caleb Suhy, Leah Tan, Shriya Una, Shiva Viswanath, Michael Walker, Iris Yan, James Zhang, Vivian Zheng and Colin Zhou!

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## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



The Carmel Clay School Board recognized the Carmel High School Girls Swimming & Diving Team for winning their 34th consecutive IHSAA State Championship. Congratulations to Katie Bend, Meredith Berglund, Taylor Conley, Morgan Croaning, Maddie Davis, Jessica Estabrook, Colleen Harless, Meghan Hastings, Sarah Jarding, Vivian Kraabel, Sarah Myung, Ria Patel, Sayjel Parikshak, Makayla Sura, Meghan Tester, and Avery Williams.

[Watch the Special Presentation](#)



The Carmel Clay School Board recognized the Carmel High School Boys Swimming & Diving Team for winning their 6th consecutive IHSAA State Championship. Congratulations to J.T. Curcio, Wyatt Davis, Brandon Edwards, Winston Fulz, Daniel Hall, Carter Highum, Nolan Kopp, Jake Mitchell, Griffin Seaver, and Carson Young.

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Dr. Beresford presented a recommendation on the changes to the school day. CCS families and staff can [click on this link](#) or use the QR Code below to share their thoughts on these recommendations.



[Watch the School Day Discussion](#)

- Dr. Amy Dudley presented recommendations on material adoption for the 2020-2021 school year.

[Watch the Discussion Item](#)

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- To view the public comment, please [click here](#).

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## STUDENT DATA REPORT

- Dr. Amy Dudley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, provided an update on virtual learning.

[Watch the Student Data Report](#)

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

- Associate Superintendent of Business Affairs, Mr. Roger McMichael, presented the monthly financial update.

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## ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Mr. Roger McMichael, Associate Superintendent of Business Affairs, provided a construction update for the new Carmel Elementary School and Clay Center Elementary School.

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## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Board Member Mrs. Layla Spanenberg provided a legislative update and report.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **2020 Academic All-Star:** Dr. Beresford congratulated CHS Senior Angela Li who was named a 2020 Academic All-Star! Academic All-Star distinction recognizes seniors who excel in the classroom and who are actively involved in their schools and communities, as well as, take on leadership roles in those activities. Only 40 high school seniors in Indiana have been named 2020 Indiana Academic All-Stars, a program of the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP).
- **2020 Census:** Dr. Beresford reminded CCS families to complete the 2020 Census. This is an important responsibility, as the count directly impacts funding for the district's free/reduced lunches, literacy programs, special education and more. Please visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) to count everyone in your household. The deadline has been extended until August 15th.
- **Wellness Center Wins National Award:** Dr. Beresford shared that Carmel Clay Schools' Employee Wellness Center, alongside their healthcare partner Ascension St. Vincent, received national recognition at the World Health Care Congress Summit for their commitment to improving health outcomes, reducing health care costs and providing innovative health care practices for their employees and families. They tied for 1st place in the mid-size group and received a Health Value Award.
- **NAMM Best Communities for Music Education:** Dr. Beresford reported that for the 9th consecutive year, CCS has been named one of the Best Communities for Music Education in the U.S. by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM). He congratulated the staff, students, parents and community on this prestigious honor! Carmel Clay Schools is one of only 4% of districts across the nation to receive this award. Now in its 21st year, the Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to providing comprehensive music education for all students.
- **Carmel Education Foundation's Educator Honor Roll:** Dr. Beresford shared with the Board that Teacher Appreciation week is quickly approaching, May 4-8th. One way to show your appreciation is to nominate a teacher and donate to the Carmel Education Foundation's Educator Honor Roll. All nominees will receive a digital certificate personalized with a message from you, and their principal/supervisor will also be notified. All donations support CEF programming, which includes "Great Idea!" Grants awarded to every school, scholarships for graduating seniors, and district-wide programs such as the CEF Musical Showcase. Honor Roll Nominations can be made for any CCS staff member, at any time of the year. The nomination process is easy: Simply fill out the [nomination form](#)- you can nominate up to 5 people on one form. You then make a [donation](#) in the amount of your choice for each nominee - select Honor Roll from the drop-down menu.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

- **HiLite Staff Awards:** Dr. Beresford congratulated the CHS HiLite staff for winning the Pacemaker Award, known as the "Pulitzer Prize of Scholastic Journalism," from the National Scholastic Press Association. The HiLite was one of only 16 student news magazines in the country to earn this distinction. This marks the fourth consecutive Pacemaker Award for the HiLite and the 11th award since 1996. Additionally, the HiLite placed in every category it entered. They received first place for website (large school), first place for their COVID-19 coverage (online news/feature package), second place in print news magazine and tenth place for the category of newspaper special edition.
- **National Library Week 2020:** Dr. Beresford shared that the district celebrated media specialists and media assistants during National Library Week. He thanked the CCS media specialists and media assistants who have continued to make a difference in the lives of students, helping them develop a passion for literacy and reading! He also stated that media specialists have done an incredible job supporting CCS teachers and helping them utilize Canvas and other online platforms during virtual learning.
- **Carmel Cares:** Dr. Beresford spoke about Carmel Cares, a new campaign led by the City of Carmel and local community partners. This citywide initiative is aimed to help residents remain connected despite the limitations posed by the COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines. Carmel Cares provides the community with important resources and creative ways for residents to safely engage and support each other. The campaign encourages residents to share their photos and videos on the Carmel Cares [Facebook Group](#) & on [Twitter](#) by using the hashtag, #CarmelCares.
- **Greyhound Bingo:** Dr. Beresford shared a cool activity that our staff and students are participating in during this time. In the beginning of April, Carmel High School Boys Basketball Coach Ryan Osborn wanted to do something to keep his team together during this time apart. Coach Osborn got creative and created Greyhound Bingo. The bingo card has 24 challenges on it. Players and even coaches have had to complete the tasks and when they do, they post picture and video proof to Twitter. Some examples include "Post/Share five things you are grateful for," "Shoot 100 Free Throws and record with time lapse video," "Thank a nurse/doctor/health care professional," and "Make Breakfast For your Family."
- **3D Printing Relief Hooks:** Dr. Beresford reported that Cherry Tree Elementary has been utilizing their 3D printer to make face mask relief hooks and belts. They have mailed out 120 of these items to over 15 organizations, as well as to Cherry Tree parents who are working on the front lines.

- **Graduation Celebration Boxes:** Dr. Beresford shared that every graduating senior will be receiving a CHS Graduation Celebration Box which includes: a cap and gown, Distinguished and Commended Graduate attire, and the official graduation program with student composite. CHS has also added a special gift with a message to every senior. A CCS bus driver and CHS staff member will deliver the boxes to bus stops on the afternoon of May 11th. Students and families can find bus stops and afternoon drop off times in their [Powerschool Portal](#) under transportation. If you need further assistance with your Powerschool account, please [click here](#). The district will be following social distancing guidelines to deliver the boxes safely!
- **WHJE Radio Station Earns Awards:** Dr. Beresford congratulated the WHJE Radio students and teachers on their success at the State and National Radio Competitions. They received many awards which included: Indiana Radio School of the Year, National Radio School of Year Runner-Up, 16 Individual National Winners, 2 Individual State Winners, 25 National Runner-Ups, and 9 State Runner-Ups.
- **CHS Wins MaxPrep Cup:** Dr. Beresford gave kudos to the Carmel High School student athletes and staff for winning the MaxPrep Cup! Maxprep Sports, a leader in high school sports, has named Carmel High School the *Best All-Around High School Sports Program* for the 2019-2020 school year. The MaxPreps Cup is a formula developed to identify the top high school athletic programs in the nation using state championships and runner-up finishes to award points. Other factors affecting the point totals include popularity of sport, size of state, state enrollment divisions and the number of schools in each state enrollment division. Points are also awarded for national rankings. CHS has been in the top 10 several years, but this is the first year they Greyhounds have captured the national title!
- **Graduation:** Dr. Beresford share with the Board that the district is working on three plans for a graduation ceremony. He shared that he appreciates the Greyhound administrative team and staff's response to the challenge of making graduation special for the students and families of the Class of 2020!
  - **Plan A:** If the social distancing order is lifted, CCS will hold regular graduation at the Fairgrounds on May 31st at 2 p.m.
  - **Plan B:** If social distancing continues and large gatherings are still a health risk to our families, CCS is working on creative ways to hold a ceremony compliant with the rules in place at that time, or the district may postpone the ceremony for later in the summer.
  - **Plan C:** CHS will also have "virtual graduation" video that will be completed and posted on May 31st at 2 p.m., in addition to other possible plans.



- **Virtual Prom:** Dr. Beresford shared exciting news that the CHS Administration is planning a summer dance for all Juniors and Seniors. CHS will share the date of the dance and additional details with you soon. With social distancing guidelines still in place, students are invited to join a Virtual Prom on May 2, 2020 from 9:00 p.m.-11 p.m. DJ Chad Andrews will provide a mix of music and a light show, while celebrities will visit the live stream! Stay tuned for additional details and a link to enter the event. It's a chance for students to get dressed up and dance the night away!
- **Distinguished and Commended Graduates:** Dr. Beresford was excited to present the Distinguished and Commended Graduates for the Class of 2020! 137 students were selected after submitting applications highlighting their achievements in academics, service, leadership and extracurricular involvement! Madalyn Sailors has been awarded the top Distinguished Graduate honor and will give a speech at the graduation ceremony! Please help us by celebrating these seniors during your interactions in the coming weeks.
- **BELLRINGER – Dr. Beresford’s “Bellringer” of the evening was the Carmel Summer Meals Program.** The purpose of the Carmel Summer Meals Program is to provide healthy food to students in need during the 11 weeks of summer break. In 2019, Carmel Summer Meals Program served 260 youth. This year, there are already 500 youth signed up for the program. CYAP needs your support more than ever to make sure our kids have enough food this summer. There are many ways in which you can support:
  - **Donate online at [youthassistance.org/carmel](https://youthassistance.org/carmel)**
    - Make sure you select "Carmel Summer Meals" from the drop down menu when you enter your card information!
  - **Send a donation in the mail.**
    - Make checks payable to Carmel Youth Assistance Program, clearly marked as Carmel Summer Meals in memo. Checks can be mailed to 515 East Main St, Suite 127, Carmel IN 46032.
  - **Host a neighborhood food drive, virtual "friend-raiser", or have a lemonade stand!**
    - Get creative and have fun!
  - **Shop their fundraising page!** Shop Boon Supply for household goods while giving back to CYAP! Search "Carmel Summer Meals" on Boon Supply or use this [link](#)

[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 Heather Elliott, Mindy Bland, Amy Adams and Mackenzie Kleman! 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 9.55 p.m.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY 2020

### JUNE 2020

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

May 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 18 - School Board Meeting Regular Session  
May 21 - Last Day of School (Virtual Learning)  
May 22 - Teacher Contract Work Day  
May 25 - Memorial Day

June 8 - School Board Workshop Session  
June 22 - School Board Regular Session

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Over the last few weeks, many of us have experienced firsthand what being a teacher is all about and have a greater appreciation for all they do! The Carmel Education Foundation's Educator Honor Roll is an easy way for you to show your thanks.

The nomination process is easy:

1. Simply fill out the [online nomination form](#) - you can nominate up to five people on one form.
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All nominees will receive a digital certificate personalized with a message from you and their principal or supervisor will be notified. Their name will also be listed on the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) website and shared on the CEF social media channels. When you nominate a teacher, or any other staff member, to the Educator Honor Roll, you are showing them how much you appreciate the positive impact they are making. All donations support CEF programming, which includes "Great Idea!" Grants awarded to every school, scholarships for graduating seniors, and district-wide programs such as the CEF Musical Showcase. Honor Roll Nominations can be made for any CCS staff member, at any time of the year.



"I was honored to receive the CEF Honor Roll in 2019. In addition, it's always enjoyable to see my colleagues recognized for their dedication and hard work for Carmel Clay Schools and the community!" Stephen West, 5th Grade Teacher, Orchard Park Elementary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Kids Coats Drive Through Coat Collection  
Saturday, May 9. 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Make a difference in the lives of your neighbors while staying safe! Clean out your closets and donate your outgrown coats to Kids Coats Hamilton County. Bring your gently worn coats and winter-wear to Carmel United Methodist Church (621 S. Rangeline Rd.) on Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Volunteers will be there to collect your donations right from your car. Kids Coats needs coats of ALL sizes, as well as hats, gloves, scarves, snow pants & boots to be given to our neighbors this fall. Together we are better, even when we're apart!



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## HELP US PROVIDE OVER 52,000 MEALS TO CARMEL KIDS!

There are over 1,500 children in Carmel Clay Schools that depend on free breakfast and lunch 5 days a week at school. Many also receive weekend food assistance during the school year. However, these children may be going hungry when they are out of school for the summer.

The Carmel community is coming together to address this problem through the Carmel Summer Meals Program. The program provides an assortment of nutritious ingredients for Carmel youth to have breakfast and lunch during the 11 weeks of the summer.

**IN 2019, THE CARMEL SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM SERVED 262 KIDS**

**SO FAR, THERE ARE 529 KIDS SIGNED UP FOR 2020**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS! HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP.**

- 1. Donate online at [youthassistance.org/carmel](https://youthassistance.org/carmel)**  
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**THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR HELPING US FEED CARMEL YOUTH**

