

## Board President Report

Mr. Jacob Wyland

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First I would like to recognize the outstanding achievements of our varsity football team. Their dedication, hard work and teamwork brought our school District the first ever PIAA 6A State Championship back from Hershey! Congratulations to Coach Palko, his staff, and the players on this hard fought win.

As we close out our year and head into 2022, I have been reflective on the milestones both educationally and otherwise, in 2021. Just this school year, we were able to fully vaccinate roughly half of our elementary student population and offer booster vaccines to all faculty and staff, here within our building.

We have led the way by being one of the first school Districts in the Commonwealth to implement pool testing in all ten of our buildings, preventing the potential spread from unknowing asymptomatic individuals.

I am extremely thankful for the hard work and dedication of Dr. Steinhauer, and our administration for their tireless efforts during this school year so far. Your efforts are shown clearly based on the two things I already mentioned, and are validated by the fact we haven't had any building wide closures due to COVID. We know that a large majority of our students benefit from in-person learning, and without our layered mitigation strategies, we may not have had the same positive report at this point in the year.

Another highlight of this evening is to award a second **Extra Mile Award**. It is my honor this evening to recognize a school counselor at Howe Elementary School.

I'd like to read the excerpts from the submission honoring Ms. Han Karbowski.

*Mrs. Karbowski is one of the most caring and thoughtful people I have ever met and has an ability to make connections with her students beyond what could ever be expected. Her students and colleagues both admire and trust her through her genuine kindness and love she shares with everyone she meets.*

*Mrs. Karbowski has been such an incredible resource for our neighborhood throughout these past few years. Throughout this pandemic, Mrs. Karbowski has reached out to check on students through quarantines and shut downs. She ran both virtual and in person lunch bunches to create safe spaces for our children to learn more about themselves and each other. She has advocated for our children and has worked above and beyond to meet the Mission Statement of the Mt. Lebanon School District: To provide the best education possible for each and every student.*

*I am lucky to call Mrs. Karbowski a friend and a colleague. I am even more proud that she is a person my children can trust and confide in as they navigate the challenges of growing up.*

Ms. Karbowski, please come forward to receive your Extra Mile Award. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do for the benefit of our students.

That concludes my report for this evening. I wish you and your loved ones a safe and enjoyable winter break.