

## Board President's Report

January 24, 2022

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I am excited to take time this evening to welcome and recognize members of our student body and staff for their outstanding success this fall.

First, I would like to recognize our High School Varsity football team on their first-ever state football championship title. The Blue Devils culminated a 15-0 undefeated season as the 6A PIAA Championship, in Hershey this December.

Here to represent their team are captains:

Alex Tecza

Eli Heidenreich

Joey Daniels

Owen Halter

Daniel King

Tommy Boehner

Along with the Steelers' Coach of the Year, Coach Bob Palko

Not only did our football team have success on the field, but I would be remiss not to congratulate our cheerleaders, marching band and colorguard students and staff. Without their dedication and commitment, our team may not have had the same successful outcome.

Here to represent the varsity cheerleading squad are captains:

Mia Flaherty and Keira Quinn

And here to represent the marching band and colorguard are section leaders:

Tyler Dean

Josie Dougherty

Julianne Dumm

Kelly Gorman

Andrew Hogg

Anna Mezyk

Dominic Pellicciotti

Gia Routh, along with their director, Jason Cheskawich

These coaches, directors, instructors and students demonstrated commitment and unparalleled dedication to positively portraying the Mt. Lebanon community, throughout the state, during the season.

The board thanks you and we are all looking forward to seeing your successes in the future.

We have a guest in the audience today who would additionally like to recognize our Blue Devils. Allegheny County Council Member Tom Duerr (do-er) is here and would like to say a few words.

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Lastly, I would like to take a moment to echo my remarks from our January Discussion meeting that was held earlier this month. Our administration, faculty and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure our students are able to be educated safely, in-person.

As classes resumed following the winter recess, not only our community, but nearly all communities across the Commonwealth were impacted by a surge of COVID-19 cases.

Our Health Services Department under the lead of chairperson, Mrs. Deanna Hess, spent countless hours sifting through the backlog of emails, phone calls and other notifications to contact trace, make the connections and necessary adjustments.

All of this was taking place as the protocols within both the CDC and the Allegheny County Health Departments were changing and adapting to new effective isolation and quarantine guidance.

The dedication that these individuals have for the safety and wellbeing of our students does not go unnoticed by our board, and we thank them for their efforts.

Dr. Steinhauer and his team increased communication during this time to ensure families knew what was happening inside of their students' classrooms.

We continue to be dedicated to safely educating students in-person, which we know is the most beneficial way to learn for a large majority of our student body.

Once again thank you to all of our staff members who have continued to face the ever changing landscape of COVID-19 and the effects on education. Your dedication is appreciated.