

Board President's Report

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First this evening, I would like to take a moment to wish both our boys and girls basketball teams good luck as they enter the playoffs. With a 20-1 record, the girls basketball team received a #1 playoff seed. They will play on Wednesday, at 7:00 PM. With a 14-8 record, the boys basketball team received a #4 playoff seed. They will play tomorrow at 7:00 PM against Hempfield, here at home.

While on the topic of sports, I'd like to once again congratulate Varsity Football Coach, Bob Palko for being named as the Don Shula NFL High School Football Coach of the Year, for the 2021 season. He received this recognition at the Pro Bowl in Las Vegas earlier this month.

The Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year award honors high school football coaches that demonstrate the integrity, achievement, and leadership exemplified by the winningest coach in NFL history, Don Shula. Each year, NFL teams nominate one coach from their region. To watch the entire broadcast from the event, visit our website.

Last Wednesday, Representative Dan Miller in partnership with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office and our PTA Council sponsored an important social media safety and awareness program in our auditorium. Topics discussed included potential dangers children can experience as they navigate social media and the pitfalls to popular apps that children can download. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Representative Miller, the Attorney General's office

and our PTA council for arranging this important discussion. You can find this presentation recorded in its entirety on our website.

We are excited to announce that our MTLSD.tv station is back up and running. The broadcasts air through our website in addition to on Public Access stations: Comcast channel 19, or Verizon Channel 33. Things that you can expect to see air on this station are previous recordings of our meetings, music and art events, along with other events. When there aren't broadcasts airing, you can expect to see news, advertisements for activities and events within the District, and other useful information.

Next, we are proud to have Kindergarten registration open for the 2022-2023 school year. You can begin the process on our website. We look forward to welcoming our newest, and youngest learners in the fall.

Finally, regarding masking:

I do not believe that anybody up here on the dais wants our students to remain in masks any longer than is necessary. We are taking careful consideration as it pertains to all of our layered mitigation strategies, including the requirement of universal indoor masking. We are being purposeful in our decision making and listening to our trusted health officials, leading health organizations, and community members alike.

There is light ahead, conditions are improving across the county and here locally. But while the CDC has indicated that the guidance will be updated soon; as of tonight it has not. If and when that updated guidance comes, the Health and

Safety plan will be updated accordingly. Until then, the guidance and metrics previously provided remain in effect.

I acknowledge that the CDCs guidance is given with the caveat that it is a recommendation and that the final decision rests with local authorities. I believe that the appropriate path forward involves a synthesis of the data points outlined by Dr. Steinhauer at our last meeting in substantial compliance with the recommendations of the public health agencies.

We are almost there. And with your grace and cooperation we will get there soon.