

Board President's Report

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This evening, I am happy to welcome and recognize our WPIAL Champion Girls Basketball team who saw tremendous success this season. In the audience this evening we have the three captains of the team, Reagan Murdoch, Ashleigh Connor, Brooke Collins, along with head coach Dori Oldaker.

On behalf of the board, I would like to congratulate you on your successful season.

Last month, I spoke to you in regard to the work that was done at Hoover Elementary through the Mikayla's Voice foundation. We welcomed a young student author to be recognized for his work, and tonight I get the opportunity to recognize a group of students who created the mural reflecting "A Portrait of Kindness."

The mural is now hung in the building to illustrate students' kindness and each of their uniqueness.

The group of 41 students showed outstanding dedication brainstorming, creating, and working together to complete the project aimed at ensuring students embrace their uniqueness and know they have a place in their school.

Tonight we welcome all of these students, including my own children, to come forward and be recognized for their efforts. We ask that Dr. Giehl, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Ehland, and Mrs. Landau join them to be recognized for their unwavering support and help on this wonderful and important project.

Before we wrap up, I would like to take a moment and welcome back this month Mrs. Kimberly Resh, founder of Mikayla's Voice and invite her to talk a little bit about this mural project and the impactful message that it will send to all students throughout Hoover Elementary.

I remind our community that the Mission Statement of the Mt. Lebanon School District is to provide the Best Education Possible for each and every student. We cannot meet the mandate of this mission unless every student regardless of race, gender, ability or socio-economic status is fully included in all aspects of our world class public school education.

We will continue to strive toward inclusion in all areas of our school district and focus on the important work stemming from our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. It is not only the right thing to do, but growing and learning together will be far more rewarding for the longevity of our District and community.