

# Superintendent's Newsletter

June 10, 2021

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

**Congratulations to the Class of 2021!**

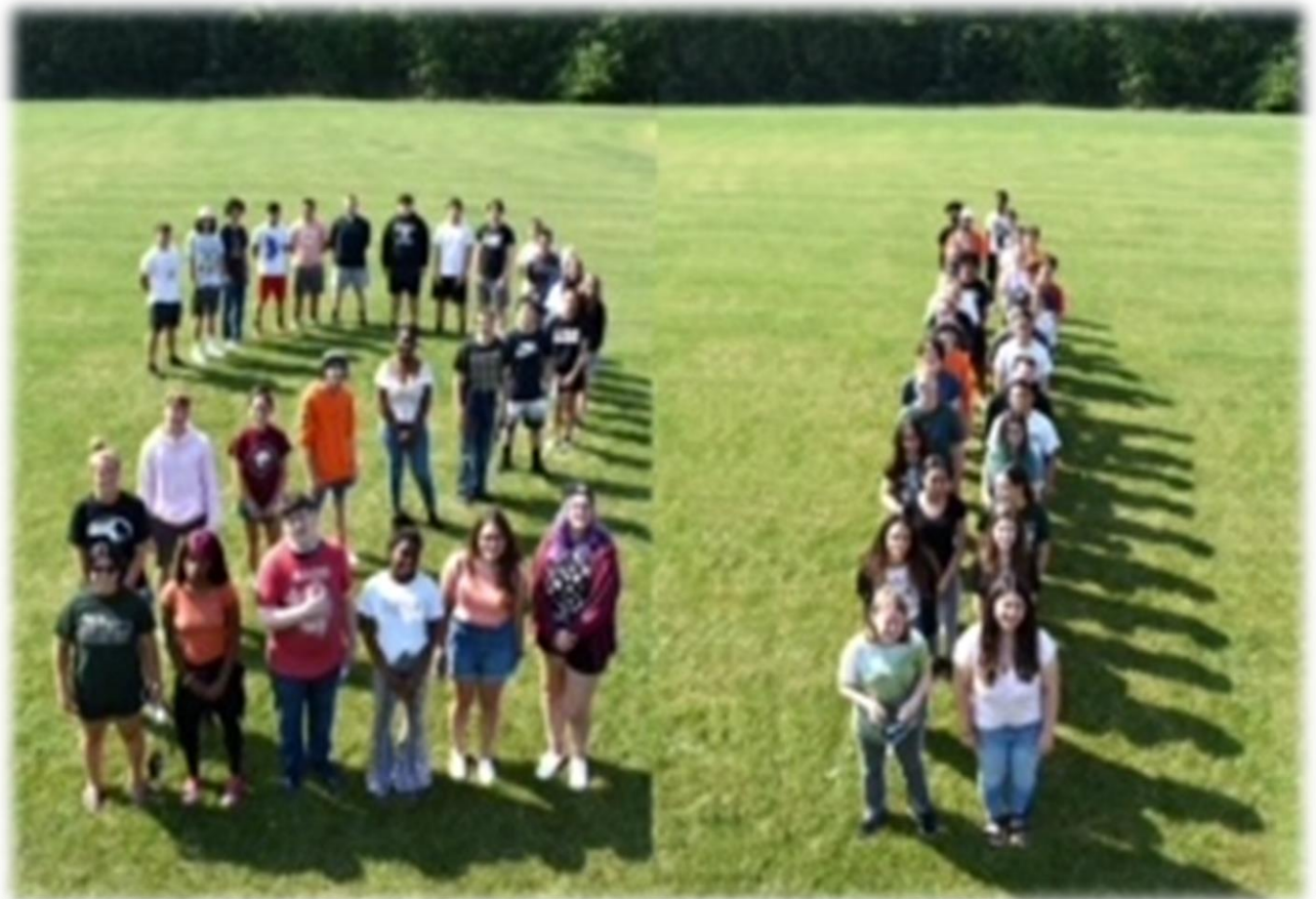
Bartlett Graduation is Friday, June 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

A heartfelt congratulations to all of our graduates for their many years of academic accomplishments.

May *Bartlett and Webster Pride* carry you each into the future and may all your futures be bright!

Valedictorian and President ~ Kathryn Michelle James

Saladictorian ~ Ryan James Truscott



As we look to the next school year, we have been informed that no masks or safety protocols will be expected for middle or high school. We are waiting for the decision on whether or not elementary students and staff will still need to wear masks. More information related to next year will be forthcoming.

As we round the corner to end the 2020-2021 school year, I am sure each and every one of us will be jumping up and down with joy, knowing that we not only just made it through one of the toughest years we have ever had, we made it through shining brightly, because we stuck together as a team with untouchable Webster Pride!

This year has brought forth many challenges for everyone and it will be a year that we talk about for years to come. We ALL had to learn new things on the fly.... teachers had to learn how to teach synchronously to in-person and remote students at the same time; students and families had to learn how to transform their homes into distraction free school learning environments; and all of us had to learn how to communicate, as if we were in-person, through Google Classroom and Zoom meetings. None of this was easy, but we did it!

From the very start of this school year, we were determined to offer a full day of learning to all of our students; determined to make sure free meals were provided to everyone; and determined to have the best safety protocols across our district that we could possibly have. We accomplished all of these things, because of the ongoing daily efforts that EVERYONE put forward this year!

#### **Special thank you's...**

- To all our students who demonstrated grit, resilience, patience and persistence.
- To all our teachers, related service providers, counselors, support staff, instructional assistants, and ABA staff who had to learn the how to's of synchronous teaching while teaching students!
- To our Food Service Director, Ms. Nylen and all the Breakfast in the Classroom and cafeteria staff who were the first people willing to be *out on the front lines*, starting in the summer of 2020. This great team worked diligently to make sure fresh breakfast and lunch meals were available to our students during the summer and throughout the school year.
- To all our custodians who have put forth countless hours emptying classrooms, cleaning, disinfecting, and measuring distances for furniture. This great team worked hard every day to make sure our schools were clean, organized and aligned to all the changing safety standards we were expected to maintain.
- To all our school nurses who put forth countless hours managing the day-to-day implementation of all the required safety protocols we put in place. From the daily staff assessments, to monitoring COVID cases, close contacts, pending results and the timelines associated with all of this.
- To our Building Administrators, Central Office Team and Administrative Assistants for their continued commitment and support to families and staff.
- To our parents, families and community members for their ongoing support.

There is a huge sense of relief that has come along with the relaxation of many DESE and CDC safety protocols. The COVID numbers have decreased and this week's dashboard demonstrates that (attached for your review).

As we prepare for summer school, it's important to know that DESE wants us to follow the same safety protocols we are following right now. Students and staff will be expected to continue to wear masks, keep 6 feet distancing when unmasked and eating, and 3 feet distancing indoors as well the daily home-health assessment (see attached).

**Summer Programming across the District:**

1. PAE Summer Camp - Academics and Enrichment (July 6 thru August 5 - no Fridays)
2. PAE Summer School/ASOST Programming (July 6 thru August 5 - no Fridays)
3. PAE Special Education Extended Year Programming (July 6 thru August 5 - no Fridays)
4. PAE Compensatory Special Education Services (July 6 thru August 5 - no Fridays)
5. WMS Summer Camp - Academics and Enrichment (July 6 thru August 5 - no Fridays)
6. WMS Credit Recovery (July 6 thru August 5- no Fridays)
7. WMS Special Education Extended Year Programming (July 6 thru August 5- no Fridays)
9. WMS Compensatory Special Education Services (July 6 thru August 5- no Fridays)
8. BHS Credit Recovery (July 6 thru July 23- Monday thru Friday)
9. BHS Special Education Extended Year Programming (July 6 thru August 5- no Fridays)
10. BHS Compensatory Special Education Services (July 6 thru August 5- no Fridays)

**Please contact the following people for more information:**

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- Lois Taylor - PAE After School/ASOST Director  
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**Bartlett High School Building Project Updates**

**Save the Dates:**

June 17th at 7:00 p.m. - Bartlett High School Building Project Community Forum. This will be a virtual meeting and the zoom link is in the attached flyer and posted on our website.

June 18th - Teacher/Staff Forums are scheduled for WMS & BHS @ 12:00p.m. and PAE @ 1:00p.m.

These forums are a great way to learn more about the current status and future of the Bartlett High School Building Project. The details on the Educational Visioning Plan and future educational programming for our students will be shared.

### Save the Dates con't:

In the **Preliminary Design Development phase**, we met many times with the MSBA, OPM, Architects, Educational Visioning Consultant, and the School Building Committee. All this work resulted in a final Preliminary Design Plan that was submitted to MSBA on April 16th. We received feedback from MSBA on June 9th and will have 14 days to respond back to the MSBA.

The next phase is now - the start of the **Preferred Schematic Report**. It is very important that we gather feedback from all constituents in this phase as the final Preferred Schematic Report is due to the MSBA early July. Once MSBA approves the Preferred Schematic Report, the district is locked into the option.

I encourage everyone to take part in the community forums to learn more about the options and to learn more about how the Educational Visioning Plan for the future drives what we need for learning spaces at Bartlett High School.

### Innovation Pathways at Bartlett High School Updates:

Incoming students 9th graders and existing BHS students are able to sign up for the new Project Lead the Way course offerings that support the new Advanced Manufacturing pathway we are developing. **There is still some space in this first year of offering these new courses.** Mr. Thomas and Ms. Bigelow recently held a parent forum to learn more about these great learning opportunities for incoming 9th grade families. If you were not able to attend this informational forum, please contact the school directly for more information. FYI: Some of our high school counselors are working the week after school gets out and will be available to assist you.

I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Michele Bigelow and Mr. Jim Nebelung will be attending intensive professional development this summer to prepare to teach the Project Lead the Way courses to our students. The Advanced Manufacturing Pathway is complex and requires specific training for teachers and specific technology tools for students. We are in the process of acquiring the specialized technology to support the high level of creative work our students will be expected to learn and do in the Advanced Manufacturing Pathway.

We will be working with Innovation Pathway consultant Abigail Callahan to further develop the Health and Human Service Pathways. Biology is the first course for any health and human pathway and that is offered next year. We are seeking to develop specific coursework that will allow students to learn more about working in this broad field (ex: Lab Technicians, CNA's, EMT's, Early Education Teachers, or Mental health workers). We are in the beginning process of prioritizing which health and human pathways we will develop at Bartlett.

### Upcoming important year-end dates:

June 16<sup>th</sup> - Step Up day

June 16<sup>th</sup> - 8th Grade Awards

June 18<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of School - 1/2 day of school for students.

**Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing summer vacation!**

**Kindest Regards,  
Dr. Goguen**