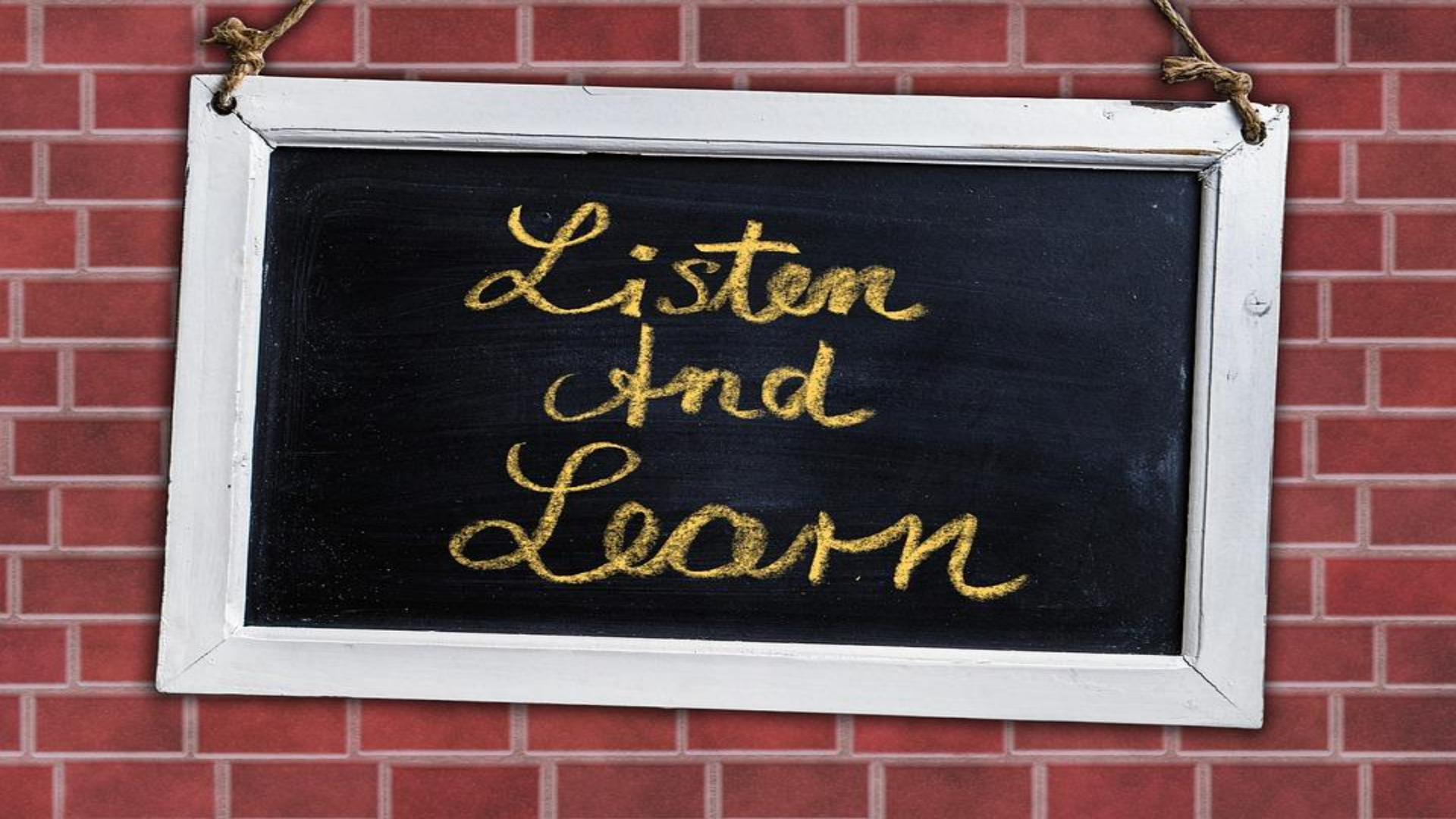
Superintendent’s Report

December 5, 2022


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Strategic Planning Process

- Mission, Vision, Values, Portrait of a Graduate
- Academics (Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, Career Readiness)
- Culture and Communications
- Mental Health and Social-Emotional Development
- Finance
- Facilities

Spring/Summer of 2023 - Mission

- Comprehensive Planning Committee working to redefine our mission, vision, values
- Creation of a Portrait of a Graduate

Spring/Summer of 2023 - Academics

- Examination of current curricular needs with a redefined design process. Use of data in this process.
- Examination of Pathways
- Examination of 5th to 6th transition, 8th to 9th transition, and scheduling processes

Spring/Summer of 2023 - Culture and Communications

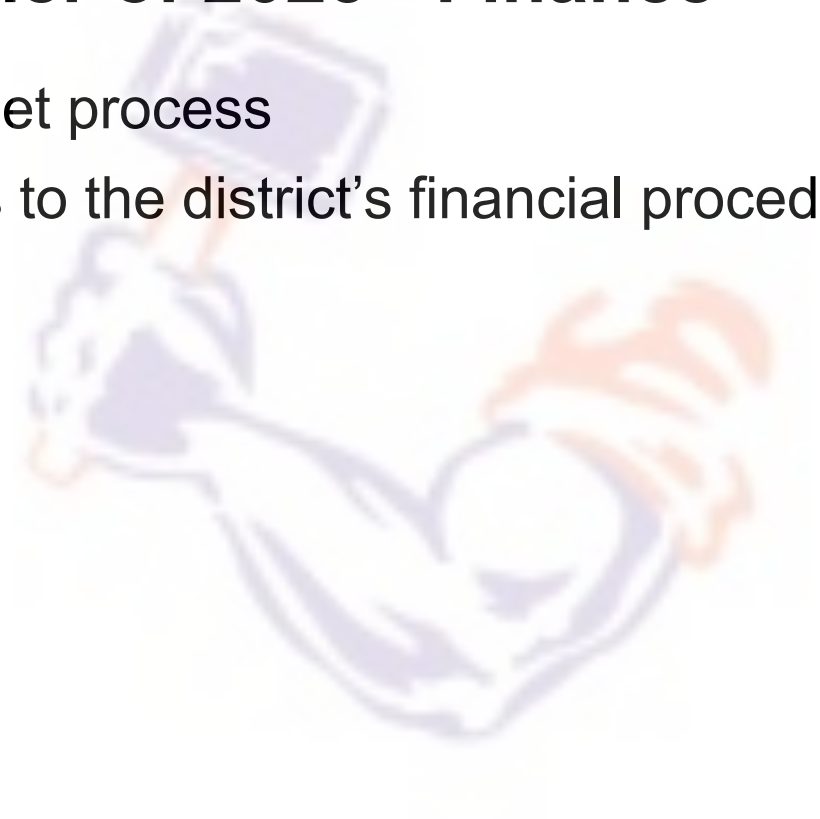
- Examination and expansion of the district's communications plan including internal and external processes as well as webpage improvements

Spring/Summer of 2023 - Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning

- **Mental Health Task Force established**
  - Committee has been formed
  - Our first meeting will be December 14, 2022 at 6:30 in the High School LGI
  - Larger update will be provided at our January board meeting
    - SEL curriculum
    - School-wide discipline plan improvements
    - Parent support
    - Improved communication and resources
    - Internal and community interventions
  - Through generous donations and fundraisers through our SPM group we are working to schedule Daniel Patterson for April 5 and 6, 2023

Spring/Summer of 2023 - Finance

- Effective budget process
- Improvements to the district's financial procedures



Spring/Summer of 2023 - Facilities

- Completion of the Liberty Valley construction
- Beginning the long-term facilities maintenance process

Spring/Summer of 2023 - Athletics and Other Extracurriculars

- Revisions to the Athletic Guidelines including the Coaches' Code of Conduct
- Coaching and advising matrix
- Examination of length and type of coaching contracts

Spring/Summer of 2023 - Contract Negotiations

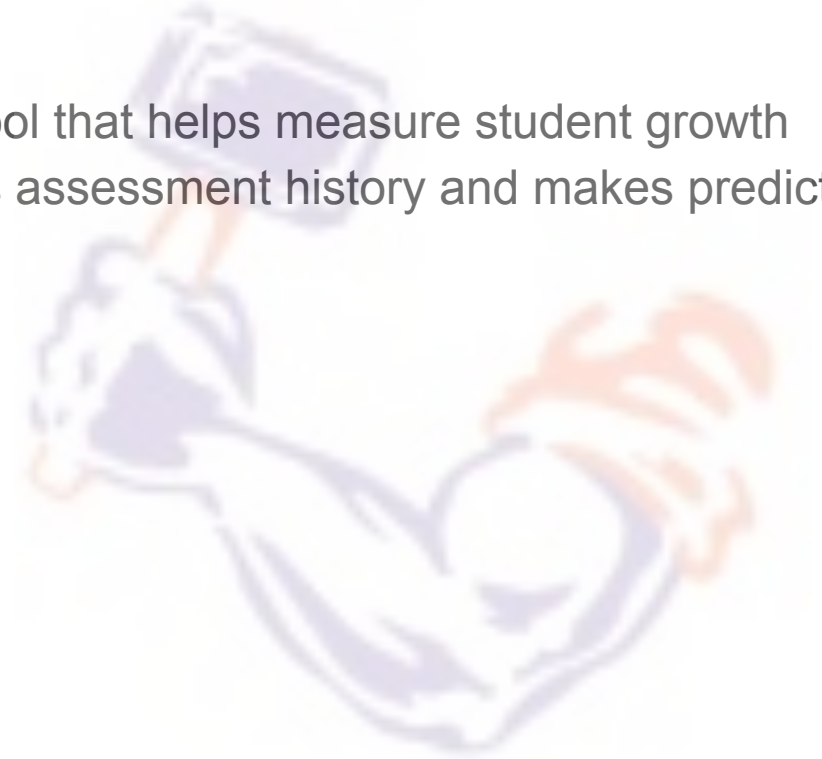
- Support Staff Contract
- Teacher Contract

PVAAS

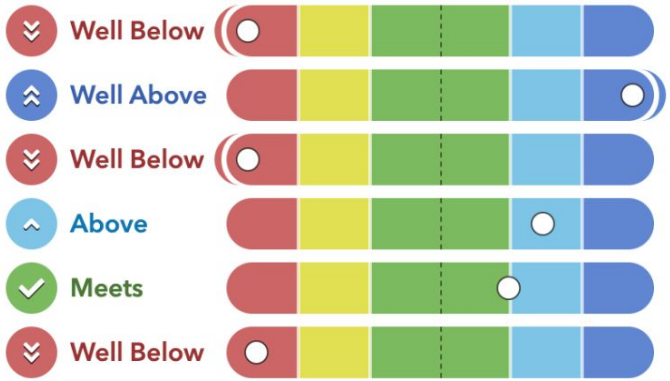
Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System

PVAAS

- It is an analytic tool that helps measure student growth
- Takes a student's assessment history and makes predictions

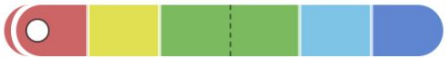


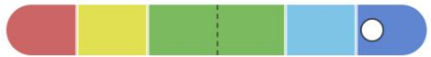
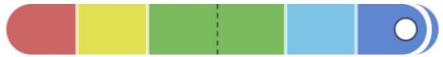
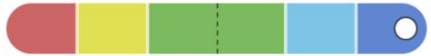
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		5	Well Above	57.5 → 61.8	169
		6	Well Below	65.0 → 57.1	158
		7	Above	59.2 → 60.6	142
		8	Meets	62.7 → 63.6	156
		Across Grades	Well Below	60.8 → 59.7	786



Subject	← Year	← Grade	Growth Color Indicator	Achievement *Enter* → *Exit*	Student Count
PSSA English Language Arts – 4-8	2022	4	Well Below	59.5 → 54.4	161
		5	Well Above	54.2 → 58.6	169
		6	Well Below	61.4 → 54.4	156
		7	Meets	58.4 → 58.0	142
		8	Well Above	63.3 → 67.6	156
		Across Grades	Below	59.4 → 58.6	784



Subject	← Year	← Grade	Growth Color Indicator	Achievement *Enter* → *Exit*	Student Count
PSSA Science – 4,8	2022	4	Well Below 	1482.8 → 1454.0	150
		8	Meets 	1396.5 → 1391.6	146

Subject	← Year	← Grade	Growth Color Indicator	Achievement *Enter* → *Exit*	Student Count
Keystone Algebra I	2022	N/A	Well Above 	1494.1 → 1501.2	98
Keystone Biology	2022	N/A	Well Above 	1520.6 → 1538.2	120
Keystone Literature	2022	N/A	Well Above 	1533.4 → 1541.2	132

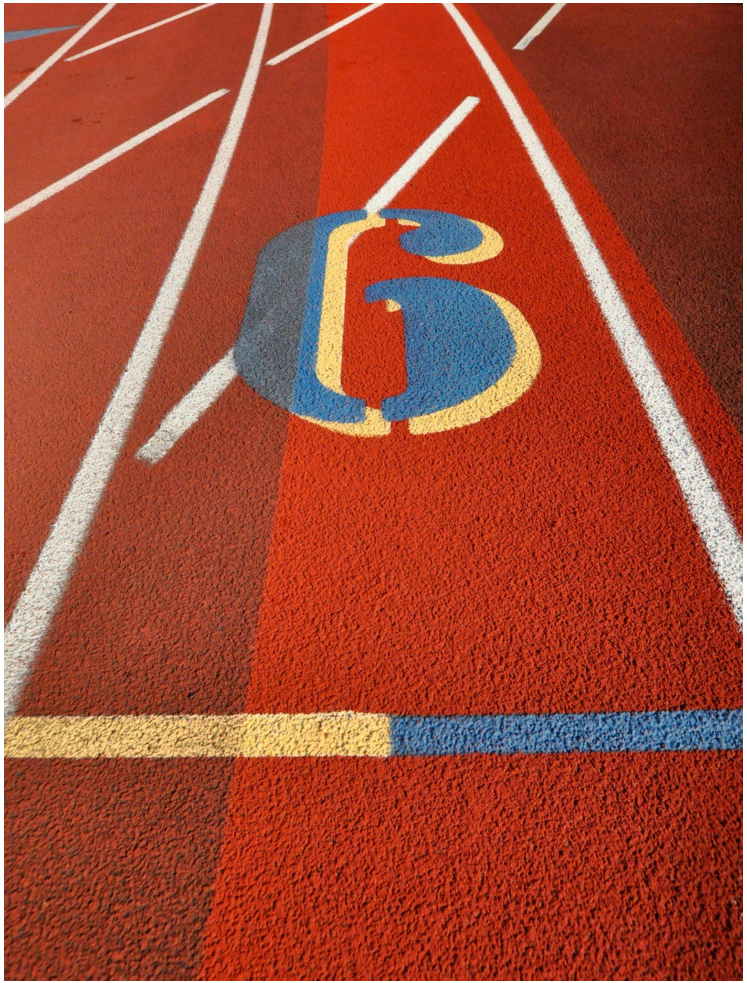
Board Request for Transportation Update

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- Options for the students who currently walk to the middle school:
  - Option 1 - Bus 64 could pick up students on the way to the middle school and drop them off before picking up kids at the middle school / Bus 56 could do a middle school run before going to DPS for the afternoon run / approximate cost of $2,000
  - Option 2 - add an additional bus route at a cost of $37,544, the minimum cost for a bus
  - Option 4 - add the students to an existing middle school bus run which will delay the bus arriving at the high school by approximately 15 minutes
  - Option 4 - have the students remain walkers as the distance is within legal limits and re-examine for the 2023-2024 school year

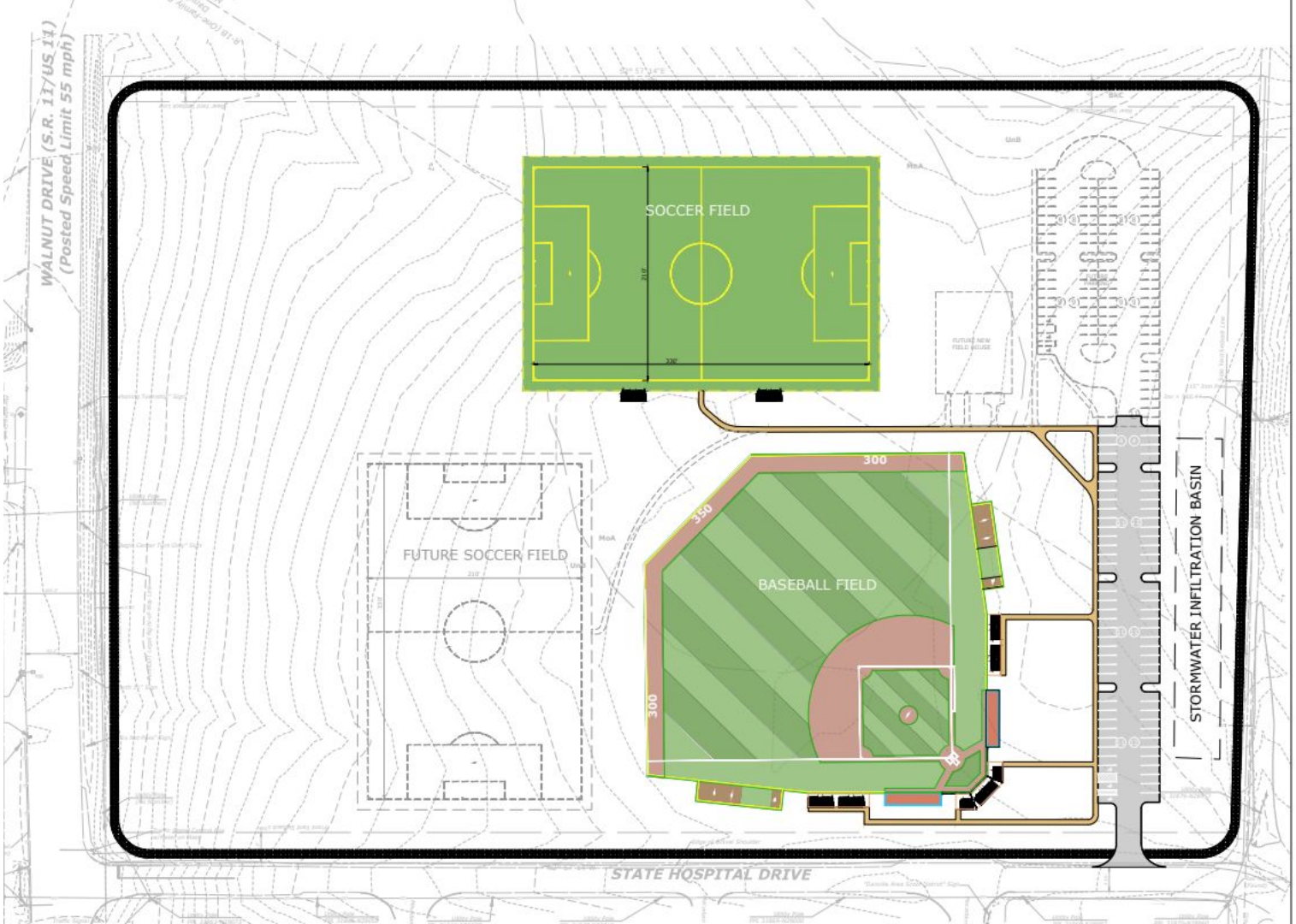
Board Requests for Athletic Updates

- Condition of Track - warranty
  - Had a warranty with Nagle Athletic Surfaces, that warranty ended on 10/4/22
  - AstroTurf Corporation conducted a track inspection on 10/5/22 and recommended that the track should be cleaned and relined, but otherwise should not need resurfacing for another 4-5 years
  - AstroTurf Corporation provided a quote on October 17, 2022 and recommends a washing and a restriping / prices are subject to change based on changing expenses
    - Washing - $19, 283
    - Restriping - $14,118
    - Both - $33,401
  - There are a few small pits that can be repaired by AstroTurf when they clean



Board Requests for Athletic Updates

- Scheduling of events - trunk or treat and playoff game
- Future use of land across from the primary school
  - Nov 29, 2022 court hearing
  - Closing scheduled for January 13, 2023
  - On 11/17/22 Ken, Jennifer, and I met with K&W Engineers
  - Board has already approved them to conduct the permitting process which will take approximately 6 months
  - The original discussion with K&W was for approximately $1.5 million and would include storm water work, a parking lot, a baseball field, and a soccer field.


WALNUT DRIVE (S.R. 11/US 11)
(Posted Speed Limit 55 mph)
SOCCER FIELD
FUTURE SOCCER FIELD
BASEBALL FIELD
300
350
300
STORMWATER INFILTRATION BASIN
STATE HOSPITAL DRIVE

Board Requests for Athletic Updates

- Volleyball
  - Interest surveys completed
  - Could lose girls to other fall sports, specifically field hockey and tennis which both have established PHAC leagues
  - If DASD added both boys and girls volleyball
    - $5,000 for coaches
    - $30,428 for equipment
    - $2,613 for officials
    - $5,700 for travel (price based on lacrosse because there are not many local teams)
    - $1,870 for event workers
    - Would need to secure a quote for striping and resurfacing the gym floor as well as the costs for post holes in the floor
- Adding a record banner for indoor track in the gymnasium
  - Indoor track is a club sport. It does not have a PIAA championship connected to it.
  - If we chose to recognize it with a record banner we may want to recognize all club sports in this manner / cheerleading, mountain biking, middle school boys lacrosse
  - Banners run approximately $150 - $400 / banner
  - Space in the gymnasium is very limited

Board Requests for Athletic Updates

- Coaches' Code of Conduct
  - Athletic Guidelines and Procedures Manual
  - Coaches' Code of Conduct
    - Updated November 29, 2021
  - There are only two school districts in the state that have a coaches conduct board policy. The rest all utilize their athletic guidelines and code of conduct

Board Requests for Athletic Updates

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- Advertisements on the field
- Swim team record board
  - Swim team representatives recommended a PA based company with high-quality samples, All-Star Record Boards
  - Payment made in full on August 3, 2022 for $6,721.50 / received a 10% discount for paying in full
  - Plastic letter tracks have been backordered multiple times but are now secured at a company in Canada, set to make it through customs by December 10.
  - Worst case scenario is board installed between Christmas and New Years
  - We have requested they complete it by the first home swim meet on December 20

District Highlights

High School

Congratulations to our amazing musicians!

District Band

Brenna Ross, Allie Focht, Cassie Fulmer on flute
Delaney Bloom on clarinet
Ben Kapp on alto sax
Baylee Zimmerman, Izzy Reedy on trumpet

District Orchestra

Brenna Ross on flute
Gwyneth Beiter on cello

- Brenna Ross named to the National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Honors Band! Sarah Sharp named to the National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Honors Choir!

- Mr. Pegg, high school government teacher, has arranged for Representative Culver to visit his government classes on December 20th.

Veteran's Club is donating cookies to local nursing homes

Dec 17th is Wreaths Across America today and members of the club will be placing wreaths on Veterans' graves

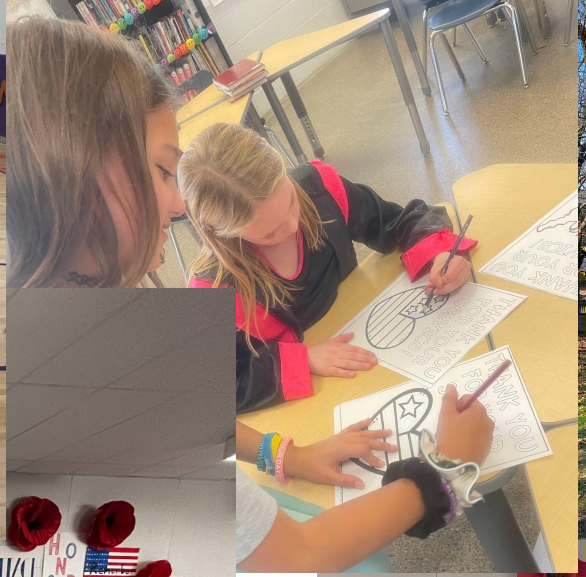




Middle School

- 6th and 7th grade social studies students created 200 cards for veterans
- DMS Student Council hosted a Veteran's day breakfast
- 8th grade students designed underwater robots in STEM
- PE students participated in archery following the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP)










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Liberty Valley

- Girls on the Run completed a 5K at the Miller Center
- 5th grade celebrated Colonial Day and went to Mooresburg One Room School
- The AV club students are taking full responsibility for the morning news and announcements




Monitor Teleprompter



Danville Primary School

- Kids Run the Nation final race event
- Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Literacy Parade in first grade
- Friendsgiving Celebrations
- Sharing Stew in Kindergarten









Danville Head Start

"Educating Children, Empowering Families"







Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.

Fred Rogers







