Superintendent’s Report

January 3, 2024

Student Pledge Leaders

Lincoln Snyder, Mrs. Gibson’s 2nd Grade
Braeden Dometita, Mrs. Pfautz’s 4th Grade

Student Government Leaders

Jera Strony, Senior Class President
Lilly Pitcavage, Senior Class Historian

Board Recognition

Girls' Cross Country
- AA State Champions
  - Victoria Bartholomew, 13th
  - Alivia Shen, 20th
  - Odin Ryer, 21st
- District 4 AA Champions

Boys' Cross Country
- 3rd Place in the State
  - Dane Spahr, 7th
- District 4 AA Champions

Football
- District 4 AA Champions

Golf
- Cole Duffy represented the Danville team at the state golf competition

Jera Strony was selected to sing the National Anthem at the PA Class 5A Football State Championship Game.

DPS	K	1	2
500 (498)	149 (149)	178 (176)	173 (173)

LV	3	4	5
497 (497)	158 (158)	165 (165)	174 (174)

DMS	6	7	8
516 (516)	167 (167)	174 (174)	175 (175)

DHS	9	10	11	12
646 (647)	148 (149)	165 (165)	178 (178)	155 (155)

CMAVTS	9	10	11	12
93	15 (15)	18 (18)	27 (27)	32 (32)

Non-Public Enrollment Report

	August 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
Outside Cyber Charter	32	31	35	35	34
Christian Schools	200	203	202	199	199
Special Programs	14	14	14	14	15
Amish Schools	30	30	30	30	30
Nature School	5	5	5	5	5
Homeschool	112	112	114	114	114
	393	395	400	397	397

State Updates



2023-2024 State Budget / 2024-2025 State Budget

- The Senate and House of Representatives were in session in early December for the final week of the 2023 year to wrap up the 23-24 state budget and other issues.
- Both chambers met again on January 2, 2024 in a non-voting session
- Governor Shapiro will be present his 2024-2025 budget proposal to the General Assembly on February 6, 2024.

Act 33 of 2023

- School Mental Health Grants
  - $100,000 per school district plus average daily membership adjustments
- School Safety
  - Eliminates the office of Safe Schools in PDE and transfers responsibility for school safety to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)
  - Expanding some of the ways that school safety grant funding can be used to more mental health services
- Student Teacher Stipends
  - Going to provide stipends to student teachers who commit to teaching in a PA school for 3 years
- Teacher and Staff Vacancies
  - Allows retired teachers to fill vacancies on an emergency basis
  - Extends provisions for college students to serve as substitute teachers
  - Classroom monitors will be allowed through the 2025-2026 school year
- School Breakfasts and Lunches
  - PDE will reimburse breakfasts at the free rate
  - PDE will reimburse reduced-price lunches at the free rate

Act 33 of 2023

- Ends PlanCon 1.0 and delays PlanCon 2.0
- School Environmental Repairs Program
  - Provides grants to schools districts for projects that remediate environmental hazards. Districts must match 50% of the total cost of the eligible project.
- EITC Increases
  - $150 million increase in EITC opportunities in the state

Act 34 of 2023 - Amendments to the Fiscal Code

- Grants for School Improvement Projects
- School Safety Funding (PCCD) extended

Act 35 of 2023

- Financial Literacy Requirement
  - By the 2025-2026 school year districts must have a half-credit personal financial literacy course in grades 9-12 that is a graduation requirement
  - PDE will be providing further information about teaching requirements for this course

Headed to Governor's Desk

- Calculating Average Daily Membership for Dual Enrollment students
- Flexible Instruction Time
  - Minimum of 180 days or 990 hours secondary / 900 hours elementary
  - Removes the approval process
- Allows dental screenings to be conducted by a hygienist.

Passed by the Senate

- Mandated armed security in all schools starting in 24-25
- School Safety Funding extended

Approved by the House Education Committee

- Required School Director training
- Grants to help districts transition to electronic school buses
- AP exam cost reduction

Advanced Placement



2023-2024 Advanced Placement Enrollment Figures

2023-2024	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	DHS 10-12
Total #	60	66	41	498
% of Class	36.8	36.9	26.6	33.5

*The total percentage of students in grades 10-12, in the current school year, who are enrolled in at least 1 AP course is 33.5% compared to 28.8% in the 2022-2023 school year.

*These numbers represent total **unique** students enrolled in AP courses.

2023-2024 Advanced Placement Enrollment Figures

Number of Courses in which Each Student is Enrolled	
1 AP Course	69
2 AP Courses	46
3 AP Courses	23
4 AP Courses	20
5 AP Courses	6
6 AP Courses	1

Athletics



Analysis of Lost School Time Due to Athletics Schedule

2022-2023			
Sport	**Season**	**# of Early Dismissals**	**Total Amount of School Time Lost**
Cross Country	Fall	4	4:15
Football	Fall	1	1:15
Golf	Fall	3	4:30
Boys Soccer	Fall	2	1:00
Girls Soccer	Fall	1	:30
Girls Tennis	Fall	6	3:15
Field Hockey	Fall	3	2:00
Wrestling	Fall	1	:30
Swimming	Winter	3	2:30
Baseball	Spring	9	7:30
Softball	Spring	12	8:15
Boys Tennis	Spring	7	3:45
Track and Field	Spring	4	4:45
Boys Lacrosse	Spring	4	3:15
Girls Lacrosse	Spring	1	1:45

2023-2024			
Sport	**Season**	**# of Early Dismissals**	**Total Amount of School Time Lost**
Girls Tennis	Fall	8	5:15
Cross Country	Fall	3	2:15
Boys Golf	Fall	3	4:30
Girls Soccer	Fall	5	3:15
Boys Soccer	Fall	1	:45
Field Hockey	Fall	3	1:45
Football	Fall	1	:45
Swimming	Winter	4	2:00
Girls Lacrosse	Spring	2	2:45
Baseball	Spring	10	6:15
Boys Tennis	Spring	8	4:15
Softball	Spring	10	5:30
Boys Lacrosse	Spring	1	1:00
Track and Field	Spring	2	1:00

Administrator Board Reports

Technology Update 01/03/24

Jeffrey Ryan - Director of Information Technology

IT Performance

- Network (December 2023)
  - Uptime at 99.986% - 701,013 polls with 94 lost (based on 99 monitored critical devices monitored 24/7). Up from last month.
  - Average LAN latency (speed) at .521 milliseconds. Slightly up from last month. Internet latency continues to be very good and stable.
  - Daily use (school hours only) of the Internet at 861.72 GB. Up 10.77% over last month and up 19% from last December. For the first time we've reached over a 1 TB for a single day.
- Website (December 2023)
  - 27,019 views (180,000+ since launch) and 5,433 total users - Down again from last month but great numbers for the holidays (anything over 10,000 for a small school is good)
  - 35.02% bounce rate (rate at which people immediately leave upon entering the site - anything under 40% is good)
  - 3 minute 29 second average session duration (2-4 minutes is considered very good)
  - 55.8% of traffic is cell phones and top source is Google search (2,778 search clicks)
  - Most popular pages and search terms are sports, calendar, and schedule.
- Printing (December 2023)
  - 113,148 pages printed (does not include copying) - Down from 181,832 in November.
- Open help desk calls
  - 1 call open

IT Ongoing Projects...

- Cloud backup server reconfiguration
  - Upgrading our cloud backup solution to enable consistent backups well into the future
- Google shared drive reconfiguration
  - Moving from traditional on-premises data storage to the cloud. This creates a consistent and highly available option for both staff and students.
- Website
  - Moving forward with an online payment system connected to Finalsite (looking to offer limited trial online payment options in the spring)
- Chromebook Plus testing
  - Testing the Chromebook Plus as a possible replacement for teacher laptops. This is a lower cost option that provides all of the any time any where functionality needed to run a classroom while being both easier to use and faster than a traditional laptop.
- Projector replacement
  - Older bulb projectors being replaced by modern laser projectors
  - These units have less maintenance cost, are brighter, higher resolution, and include wireless projection
- Printer elimination and relocation
  - Reducing printers to ensure printing goes to lower cost copiers
- Technology Support Analyst
  - Excellent candidate Shawn Freeman chosen and added to agenda for board approval