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Lansingburgh Central School District Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, January 25, 2021

This meeting was held remotely using the following link:
Meeting ID: meet.google.com/fza-xjxy-yzu

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jason Shover at 6:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Jason Shover, stated the District's mission.

MISSION

Our mission at the Lansingburgh Central School District is to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment where high expectations, rigor, life-long learning and civic responsibility are developed and encouraged.

Board of Education Members, Kelley Bristol, Michael Cusack, Rob Morris, Jason Shover, James Spear, Michele Speanburg, and Jeffrey White participated remotely. Marie Cole joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and Daniella Richards joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There were a total of 191 participants including Ian Knox, Thomas Hopkins, Carrie Phelan, Zach Tacelli, Matthew Van Dervoort, Bill Behrle, Greg Rashford, Sean Colfer, Shaun Paolino, Joe Otter, Linda Klime, Lisa Kyer, Rebecca McGrouty, Dr. Antonio Abitabile and Christina Williams.

Connie Dyer stated that she has lived in the District for 12 years and has a student at the middle school. She is concerned about the kids growing frustration with remote learning and shared her deep desire to have them return to in-person instruction. She does not understand the school budget and is disappointed with the communication from the district.

Visitors Address the Board

Sara Brown stated that she has lived in the District for 7 years and has 3 children in the district. She is concerned about how the District is handling the budget and stated that online learning should not be included in the budget.

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Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the meeting agenda for January 25, 2021.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

RESO #1-01/25/2021
Approve Meeting
Agenda

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Mr. Cusack congratulated Ashley, Tiffany and Carrie on their tenure.

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the Treasurer's Report, Budget Transfers and Monthly Financial Report submitted by the Audit Committee.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

RESO #2-01/25/2021
Approve Financial
Reports

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2020 and the Special Meeting held on January 11, 2021.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

RESO #3-01/25/2021
Approve Minutes

Motion Carried
Unanimously

PERSONNEL – **INSTRUCTIONAL**

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby confer tenure upon the following teachers who have successfully completed their required probationary period:

Ashley Burke
Tiffany Ainsworth
Carrie Rath

Effective 01/19/2021
Effective 01/30/2021
Effective 01/30/2021

Elementary (TES)
School Psychologist
Physical Education (TES)

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

RESO #4-01/25/2021
Grant Tenure – A.
Burke, T. Ainsworth,
C. Rath

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #5-01/25/2021
Appoint LTS –
Wilfredo Reyes, Jr.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Wilfredo Reyes, Jr. to a Long-Term Substitute Teaching assignment at Lansingburgh High School to fill the position currently held by Ashley Snyder, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation according to the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – on or about January 25, 2021
Expiration of Service – on or about April 1, 2021
Certification Status – 7-12 Biology, Initial (Pending)
Per Diem Rate – 1 200th of Step 1

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #6-01/25/2021
Appoint LTS – Garrett
Combs

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Garrett Combs to a Long-Term Substitute Teaching assignment at Lansingburgh High School to fill the position currently held by Nicole Collard, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with compensation according to the LTA contract as set forth below:

Commencement of Service – on or about February 1, 2021
Expiration of Service – on or about April 1, 2021
Certification – Mathematics 7-12, Initial and Mathematics 5-9, Initial
Per Diem Rate – 1 200th of Step 1

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #7-01/25/2021
Approve Unpaid Leave
– Kathleen Dayton

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the request of Kathleen Dayton, Teaching Assistant, for continuation of her current unpaid leave of absence from January 4, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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PERSONNEL – NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Patricia Thibodeau, noon aid at Turnpike Elementary School, effective January 4, 2021.

RESO #8-01/25/2021
Accept Resignation –
Patricia Thibodeau

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Casey Wangler, teacher aide, pending clearance by New York State and the Federal Government per the Project SAVE Law, with terms as set forth below:

RESO #9-01/25/2021
Appoint Teacher Aide
– Casey Wangler

Commencement of Service – January 4, 2021

Expiration of Service – June 30, 2021

Hourly Rate – Step 3 - \$18.41

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following non-instructional substitutes for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year:

RESO #10-01/25/2021
Appoint Non-
Instructional
Substitute

Catherine Lynch – sub teacher aide, typist, noon aide, custodian

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the request of Warren Lansing, noon aide at Turnpike Elementary School, for an unpaid leave of absence for the period of January 4, 2021 through April 11, 2021.

RESO #11-01/25/2021
Approve Unpaid Leave
– Warren Lansing

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves reinstatement of the following furloughed staff:

Joann McMahon, Teacher Aide, effective 01/15/2021

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

RESO #12-01/25/2021
Approve
Reinstatement from
Furlough

Motion Carried
Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Morris:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donations:

In Memory of Ayshawn Davis

Linda Townsend	50.00 LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Peter Alan	100.00 LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Sandra Judge	100.00 LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship
Lansingburgh Knights Toy Drive	100.00 LCSD Anything is Possible Scholarship

Gail Weber	300.00 TES Dress a Knight
Warren Fane	550.00 TES Dress a Knight

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

RESO #13-01/25/2021
Accept Donations

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Spear:

WHEREAS, the Lansingburgh Central School District is located primarily in the City of Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, the City is preparing to propose legislation to the NYS Legislature to allow the City to offer targeted property tax relief to residential and mixed use construction for 1-4 dwelling units, with or without commercial or retail use to certain areas of the City, including areas served by the District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 15-year exemption would apply only on the increase in assessed value for property improvements and would be phased in as follows:

Year	Exemption on added value
1	100%
2	100%

RESO #14-01/25/2021
Opt-In on Proposed
State Legislation
Offering Targeted
Property Tax Relief

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3	100%
4	100%
5	75%
6	70%
7	60%
8	50%
9	40%
10	30%
11	25%
12	20%
13	15%
14	10%
15	5%

; and

WHEREAS, the exemption will be targeted to non-downtown, census tracts 401-406 and 409-410 in the City, some of which represent areas served by the District; and

WHEREAS, the City has sought the support of the Board of Education for the passage of the proposed Legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that implementation of the proposed exemption would be in the interest of the District.

NOW WHEREFORE, is it resolved, that the Board of Education expresses its support for the legislation that the City intends to propose to the NYS Legislature; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk and Superintendent of Schools are authorized and directed to notify the City of the Board's action and deliver a copy of this resolution to the City and the members of the NYS Legislature whose districts overlap the District.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Mr. Cusack asked if we can put this out through social media. It is a great program for property owners.

Dr. Abitabile stated that is a good PR piece for the city and will have Aaron push it out on social media.

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Motion by Mr. White:

RESO #15-01/25/2021 Authorize Scraping Technology Devices

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent to scrap technology devices comprised of Chromebooks, printers, switches, computers and fax machine that are no longer operational. These devices will be recycled and the hard drives will be destroyed per Board Policy. Listed below are the asset tags numbers:

211485	212173	20200426	211411
212902	212028	215061	210688
210267	211035	214246	212570
211486	210548	214313	210640
212871	210549	214765	212715
212860	210551	214793	211413
212864	211034	214415	212726
212845	210550	215091	211425
212838	210553	214407	211416
215501	210552	214838	210638
212823	210009	214546	210629
211326	213429	215478	213183
212855	213489	214649	212560
212527	213515	215443	212729
212890	213431	214937	210609
210094	213398	214533	210624
212830	210944	215475	212571
211483	213403	214181	210623
210087	213298	214611	211366
212861	213161	214494	212602
212874	212524	214989	211374
212896	210904	214711	210644
8E096049C	210954	215411	211350
211304	210995	214595	212575
211258	213127	215229	210684
211232	213104	214819	210656
200545	213497	214608	212713

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212437	213251	214278	212691
212472	213437	5CD935821Q	210645
212226	213484	215311	212588
202344	213388	214498	212912
202344	213341	214846	211368
202584	210937	214633	211395
201696	213410	214140	210681
U61639G4J516158	213443	20200334	210646
72B679P	213307	214102	211386
72C7LX6	213855	214621	212945
MXL1260YTR	213914	214027	
MXL1260YTN	213845	214995	
18WW1Y4T60	213798	214368	
FCH1451A1AM	213867	20200316	
212089	213743	215049	
212159	213850	213977	
212012	214685	211377	
212414	20200352	211394	
212454	215192	212727	
212066	20200363	212581	
212131	214664	210608	
212068	214900	210678	
	214697	211362	

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESO #16-01/25/2021
Authorize Surplus

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,
the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Purchasing
Agent to surplus the following items from the District Office:

Two-way Radio #201959
Two-way Radio #201964

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Second: Mr. Morris

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

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Motion by Mr. Spear:

RESO #17-01/25/2021 Accept Final Tax Warrant Report from Tax Collector

WHEREAS, the Education Law provides that the Tax Collector shall be relieved of responsibility for the uncollected portion of the tax list, pending a complete list of delinquent tax items to be certified to the Board of Education, and pending the Tax Collector affixing her affidavit to such warrants and lists.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the following Final Tax Warrant Report from the Tax Collector for the 2020-2021 collection period:

<u>Lansingburgh Central School District 2020 - 2021 Tax Collection</u>	Jane Luskin, Tax Collector
Total Taxes Collected to Date	\$13,385,653.84
Total Penalties Collected to Date	\$8,430.70
Total Odd Cent Over/Under	\$0.00
<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$13,394,084.54</i>

Uncollected Taxes	Tax	Penalty	Total
Lansingburgh	\$744,987.70	\$14,899.75	\$759,887.45
Brunswick	\$85,339.50	\$1,706.79	\$87,046.29
Schaghticoke	\$120,229.80	\$2,404.60	\$122,634.40
Pittstown	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$950,557.00</i>	<i>\$19,011.14</i>	<i>\$969,568.14</i>

Total Warrant - Tax Collector (Approved August 24, 2020)	\$14,329,337.99
Adjustments to Tax Warrant Due To Assessment or Clerical Error:	
C Testo-Browne, 9 Hialeah Drive	\$1,824.04
R Sorel, 314 Riverbend Road	\$846.56
Less: Warrant Changes	\$2,670.60
<i>Total Final Warrant</i>	<i>\$14,326,667.39</i>

Total Star Savings (Approved August 24, 2020)	\$1,804,049.01
Adjustments to Star Savings:	
R Vermilyea & C Pratt, 30 Plank Road	\$529.00
T & K Connally, 312 Seminole Street	\$1,084.00

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Less: Star Changes	\$1,613.00
<i>Total Star Savings</i>	<i>\$1,805,662.01</i>
Total Tax Levy (Approved August 24, 2020)	\$16,133,387.00
Total Tax Collected	\$13,385,653.84
Total Tax Uncollected	-\$950,557.00
Total Prorated Taxes	\$11,156.45
Assessment Adjustments	-\$2,670.60
Total Star Savings	-\$1,804,049.01
Star Savings Adjustment	-\$1,613.00
<i>Balance</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Nays – 0

Motion by Mr. Cusack:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby adopts the projected schedule for the 2021-2022 budget development and school board election.

RESO #18-01/25/2021
Adopt Budget
Calendar

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

LHS Update by Mr. Vandervoort – see page 15.
KMS Update by Ms. Phelan – see page 16.
TES Update by Ms. Cataldo – see page 17-18.
RPES Update by Mr. Hopkins – see page 19-20.

BUILDING PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- Marie Cole joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.
- Daniella Richards joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

By Mrs. McGrouty:

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Mentoring	End of the second quarter Meeting with Year 1 teachers for quarterly meetings, and year 2 and 3 for their mid-year check-in
Professional Development	We released the Spring Catalog for Lansingburgh Academy Erik Lepis
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Curriculum Development and Implementation	Sue Stoya - LHS Curriculum Mapping
Assessments	<p>The elementary schools are administering Fountas and Pinnell reading assessments, as well as IReady.</p> <p>Middle and High School are administering midterms or final projects with the absence of the January Regents</p>
Integration of Technology as an Instructional Tool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilizing Green Screen technology to create collaborative projects for World Read Aloud day and Black History Month
Grant	<p>Farm to School Grant -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We plan on taking the 1st year to integrate activities and lessons about food, food production, food systems, agriculture, how food contributes to human health, how the food system affects natural ecosystems in the experiential learning process, visiting farms, farmers' market trips, visits from chefs, farmers, producers and distributors, taste tests, recipe development, food preparation and cooking. The second year students would be required to create a project using computer science skills, such as creating an app or virtual tour, diving deeper into a specific topic related to food sustainability and sharing it with their community. Ms. Dion's class
Other	Maria College

By Dr. Abitabile:

- We had planned to open Rensselaer Park after Thanksgiving, but had to put that off because of the reduced state aid payments and a spike in COVID cases that ended up closing Turnpike. The post-holiday COVID spike is going down now so we can focus on reopening schools.
- COVID issues we face now are contact tracing and having enough staff to help with that. Testing has been figured out. We thank Questar III for their assistance. We have a location and system in place and have surveyed faculty and parents so we can meet the state requirements.
- Additional concern is that staff are having a difficult time finding appointments for a COVID vaccine. We have received many mixed messages. Rensselaer County had given out 15,000 vaccinations to senior citizens at Hudson Valley Community College and the school districts in the county were not aware the vaccines were available. It was our understanding that vaccines available at hospitals were for medical staff, vaccines available at drug stores were for senior citizens, and vaccines that were available from the county were to be for essential workers, including school district employees.
- If we choose to reopen on February 22 we will need a total of \$2.25 million for the remainder of the school year. \$490,000 for RPES,

**SUPERINTENDENT
UPDATE**

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\$765,000 for KMS and \$707,000 for LHS. Weekly the amounts are \$27,000 for RPES, \$43,000 for KMS and \$39,000 for LHS.

- Transportation was figured on the basis of all students returning. The runs were reconfigured as we learned which students would be returning and which would remain remote.
- \$280,000 in funding is necessary for 4 additional school nurses to allow for 2 nurses in each building (one for the health office and one for the COVID room). \$35,000 is necessary for the HR Manager who will assist in contract tracing. \$25,000 is necessary for an additional cleaner needed at Rensselaer Park. \$95,000 is necessary for Fall II Sports and traditional Spring Sports.
- The District receives \$33.4 million in state aid traditionally. To date we have received \$9 million. These funds ebb and flow throughout the school year. The payment expected in March 2021 is the most critical. To date, half of the overall budget has not been received yet. \$330,000 in state aid has been withheld, \$111,000 of the Pre-K Grant funding has been withheld and \$800,000 in transportation aid has been withheld. This totals \$1.75 million in aid that was withheld that we were not initially aware of. We did not lay off any school bus drivers. Last month we found out that the transportation aid was withheld.
- It was announced that \$880,000 in CARES Act funding would be provided to the District, yet the State withheld \$880,000 in foundation aid so we received nothing from NYS to reopen our schools.
- We are learning more daily, but will not know where we stand with the budget until the end of March. Worst case scenario is the district will see a \$6.7 million deficit.
- The 21-22 Executive Budget from the Governor was released. It shows a 4.3% increase in state aid. With other areas reduced, this equates to a reduction of \$8,000 with minimal help from the Federal Government.
- To roll over the budget for the 21-22 school year without cuts to staff or programming, we would need an additional \$2.5 million.
- When determining why other urban school able to open, we looked at Troy City School District. LCSD does not have the tax base that Troy has. Their tax levy is \$9 million, while Lansingburgh is \$6 million. Troy is not as reliant on state aid as Lansingburgh is. Lansingburgh also has the Charter School issues that Troy does not have to deal with. Charter Schools are costing Lansingburgh between \$2-3 million per year. Larger schools can also lay off people and change staffing, while Lansingburgh cannot.
- We made the difficult decisions early and chose to operate on a fiscally responsible plan.

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Mrs. Speanburg asked if we can bring in volunteers to handle the contact tracing. Dr. Abitabile said that because of HIPAA laws, we would be unable to use volunteers.

Mr. Cusack stated that we cannot afford to guess wrong and will not know for sure until the end of the month. What is the best case scenario? Ms. Kyer stated that if we get the full state aid payment in March, we are moving in the right direction to reopen. If the state aid payment is cut by 20%, we are looking at a very large deficit.

Mr. Cusack asked if we should take baby steps and open one building at a time. Dr. Abitabile stated that will depend on what the Board is comfortable with.

Mr. Shover stated that we have had this conversation every month since August 2020. We thought we were ready to go in November, but because of the COVID spike, we were unable to reopen Rensselaer Park and saved the District money by not reopening. 68 employees were furloughed. Dr. Abitabile said we can always go back to furlough, but we hope that is not the case.

Mr. Cusack said that we have the numbers, where do we go from here? Dr. Abitabile stated that we need to have a discussion in executive session because it involves personnel. There are a lot of moving parts. We have had some resignations due to the furlough and need to discuss this further. We must remain fiscally responsible.

Motion by Mr. White:

**RESO #19-01/25/2021
Executive Session**

Be it resolved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Second: Mrs. Speanburg

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Bristol:

**RESO #20-01/25/2021
Adjourn**

Be it resolved this meeting of the Board of Education hereby adjourns at 9:10 p.m.

Second: Mr. White

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried
Unanimously

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Respectfully submitted,

Christina Williams
Clerk to the Board of Education

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Lansingburgh High School Update: 01/25/2021

- We have one January graduate.
- Sue Stoya is meeting with the departments to improve our curriculum mapping.
- Department Meetings are changing to working meeting
- Midterms and finals for 1/2 year courses
- Reviewing midterm assessment data in department meetings with curriculum mapping
- LHS Cafe 2/1
- Student Shared decision making team
- LHS picture days 29, 9 12th
- College planning and transition student workshops after school
- Links to an ELA classroom for assistance with essays
- 2/25 virtual FAFSA night
 - All will be posted
- Guidance and administration held meetings and conference calls with students grades 9-11 that showed a dip in quarter 1 to quarter 2 performance
- Senior meetings being scheduled for after second quarter
- The M power program wrapped up in 9th grade ELA and social studies classes last week and had a positive response from students and staff

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Knickerbacker Middle School Update: 1.25.2020

Mission Statement: "KMS, along with the community, values equity, strives for excellence, and prides itself on student achievement while providing a safe environment, where students become active citizens by displaying respect and demonstrating responsibility."

Area of Focus	ELA	Math	SEL- Respect/Climate/Culture	Attendance	Parent Communication
Group	ELA Department, AIS Department, SpEd Department	Math Department	Climate Committee	Attendance committee	Family Advisory Committee through Shared Decision Making Committee
Initiatives/ Actions	<p>ELA Benchmarks were given last week</p> <p>-student growth % measured against learning targets through exit tickets weekly</p> <p>PD contd after Feb break</p>	<p>Math Benchmarks given this week</p> <p>-student growth % measured against learning targets through exit tickets weekly</p> <p>PD contd the second week of Feb</p>	<p>130 Positive Referrals for Dec</p> <p>-working on lunch groups with teachers</p> <p>-letter went out about Ally Program</p>	<p>Attendance Raffle continued in Jan.</p> <p>Still waiting for some students to reach out with a book choice from December</p> <p>Over 200 home visits since September</p> <p>Attendance Percentage: Sept-Dec 88% Compared to 19-20 at 93%</p> <p>Click here for KMS Attendance/Resource Letter</p> <p>Attendance Videos continue to be pushed on social media</p>	<p>Feb 4th (2nd) Trivia Night</p> <p>2nd Quarterly Newsletter</p>
Benchmark	68% of grade 6-8 students will score a 70% or higher on the January Common Grade Level Benchmark	By January 2021 60% of students in grades 6, 7, and 8, will achieve an overall score of 70% or higher on the common grade level benchmark.	By January 2021, 85% of student will respond yes to the statement, "There is a teacher, counselor, or other staff member that I can talk to at school about any problem"	20% or less of KMS students will be chronically absent in January 2021 than were chronically absent the year before.	77% or more of our families will respond, "Yes" to: "Staff members seek my input on how to best meet my child's needs."
End Goal	In 2020-2021 the school will achieve an ELA Academic Achievement Index of 95.1.	In 2020-2021, the school will achieve a Math Academic Achievement Index of 79.9.	By June 2021 the goal is for 90% of the student's respond yes to the statement "There is a teacher, counselor, or other staff member that I can talk to at school about any problem."	By June 2021 23% or less of our students will be chronically absent.	80% or more of our families will respond, "Yes" to: "Staff members seek my input on how to best meet my child's needs."

Other items:

MS Picture Day 4/21/21; KMS Newsletter to be mailed; KMS Third NYSED Visit: February 4th @ 8a.m.

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Turnpike Elementary School Update
1.25.2021

Attendance:

1. UPK: 84.38%
2. K: 79.21%
3. 1: 83.76%
4. 2: 82.01%
5. Overall: 82.1%

We were able to get several chronically absent remote student back to in person learning

Going to meet again in a week after the first week of third quarter to track students who have either switched to remote or in person to ensure they are attending.

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Black History Month Project
 - a. Collaboration with Joe Otter, Lindsey Gibson, Gina Fusco and our classrooms
2. Turnpike has adopted Professional Learning Communities this school year in lieu of agenda focused grade level meetings. The teachers meet together once a month to determine and set goals to increase student achievement. They track data as a grade level to determine how the students are performing as a cohort. Goals are reflected upon and adjusted to ensure student success. Teachers have data chats along with discussions on how they will instruct the students to meet the goals. Resources are shared among the teams and a common vision is shared.

Examples:

UPK PLC Work:

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of the alphabet by identifying 28/52 letters by the end of the 20/21 school year. 70% of our students will be able to identify 28+ letters.
- Students who have mastered identifying 28/52 letters will demonstrate knowledge of 10/26 letter sounds by the end of the 20/21 school year.

Kindergarten PLC Work:

- We achieved our goal every month!
- 70% of Kindergarten students will master 50 or more letters by January 2021.

Our new goal is going to focus on reading/writing. This goal is as follows: 70% of Kindergarten students will be able to tap out and blend CVC words by April

1st Grade PLC Work:

- 85% of First Grade students will master F&P Lists 1&2 (75 words)
- 75% of First Grade students will master F&P List 1, 2 & 3 (115 words)

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- 65% of First Grade students will master F&P List 1, 2, 3 & 4 (170 words)

2nd Grade PLC Work:

Our students are moving along on their word lists.

1st Half of School Year

- Students will be able to increase their sight word knowledge and word list accuracy.

2nd Half of School Year

- 92% of students in second grade pass word list 1
- 75% of students in second grade pass word list 2
- 65% of students in second grade pass word list 3
- 50% of students in second grade pass word list 4
- 40% of students in second grade pass word list 5
- 25% of students in second grade pass word list 6

Social and Emotional Learning

1. Continuing to refine relationship building strategies to use with students and families.
2. Self-Care challenge in the month of February

School Leadership

1. Gathered survey results for 3rd quarter
 - a. 18 going remote
 - b. 13 going back in-person

Extend a big thank you to families, staff, teachers, and students for making this first half of the year a success.

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01/25/2021 Board of Education Meeting: RPES Updates

1) School Leadership: Absenteeism

A. Attendance Percentages:

- Overall Attendance:
 - 90.11%
- 30 Day Attendance Rate
 - 87.34%

B. Interventions:

- Attendance H.E.R.O.'s
 - Mrs. Santarcangelo and Ms. Sacco meet with students who struggle with chronic absenteeism twice a week to discuss strategies to help them be successful in school.

2) Curriculum and Instruction:

A. F & P Testing (Over next 2 weeks)

- Allow us to:
 - Measure Growth
 - Plan interventions

B. IReady Assessment:

- Discussed testing purpose at last meeting
- Month long window closing at month's end
 - Will be used to drive instructional planning

C. New Teacher Meetings 1/25 & 1/28:

- Year 1 & 2 Teachers meet with administrators quarterly goals
- Years 3&4 meet each semester
- Teachers meet with administrators and Curriculum TOSA to review and set individual goals

D. Professional development:

- Erik Lepis, Writing PD, 1/20-1/22
 - Modelled Mini-Lesson for each HR teacher
 - Modelled Writing Conferences with 2-3 students in each class
- Liz Mirra, Curriculum Adjustments, 2/4- 2/5, 2/9
 - Help teachers adjust curriculum to student's needs

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3) *Social-Emotional Learning*

- **Virtual Calming Corner is Live!**
 - Available on RPES Webpage: [Calming Corner](#)

4) *Parent and Student Engagement*

- a. **Picture Day 1/15/21**
 - Thanks to the PTA for organizing and overseeing with COVID Protocols!
- b. **Paint and Chips 2/12/21**
 - PTA and Food Services will be donating supplies for a virtual paint event