ELIZABETHTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BEAR BRIEF

September 22, 2026 | Action Meeting

LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Board President & Superintendent Updates

- **Strong Start:** Superintendent Tom Strickler thanked students, families and staff for a positive start to the 2026-27 school year, with the focus now on teaching, learning and student support.
- **Directory Information:** The District is reviewing its practices for releasing student directory information to outside organizations and whether changes are needed.
- **Indoor Air Quality:** The District acknowledged that quarterly testing was not completed last year due to an administrative oversight. Quarterly testing will resume in 2026-27, with results posted online.

STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

Recognizing Our Students

- **String Summit:** EAHS orchestra students Sonja Cradic and Addison Moyer were recognized as student ambassadors to the Susquehanna University String Summit, selected for their advanced playing level, commitment and character.
- **Rotary Students of the Month:** EAHS students Margaret “Maggie” Leaman and Amann N'Dikwe were recognized as September Rotary Club Students of the Month.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Planning for Our Schools

- **Project Timeline:** Design and approvals will continue through early 2028, with Board project approval targeted for spring 2028 and construction beginning in June 2028.
- **Next Steps:** Upcoming work includes the September 29 Board discussion, traffic studies, programming and design options, with input from students, families, staff, Board members and the community throughout the process.
- **Engineering Coordination:** The Board approved reimbursement of Borough engineering fees related to Conditional Use and traffic requirements for the Secondary Building project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stewarding Our Resources

- **Community Donations:** The Board accepted $3,500 from Etown Common Sense for high school teacher gift baskets and $1,203.15 from West Green Tree Church for Bear Bags.
- **Adult Meal Prices:** The Board approved state-required increases of $0.10 for adult breakfast and $0.80 for adult lunch based on the annual Food Service report to PDE.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING & STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Supporting Student Success

- **Middle School Leadership:** The Board approved Jeffrey White as the District's new Middle School Principal, succeeding David Beard, who accepted an assistant superintendent position in another school district. White's start date will be finalized following his release from his current employer.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Guiding Our District

- **Policy Update:** No District policy items were presented during the September Action Meeting.
- **Looking Ahead:** The Board is expected to consider first readings of proposed policy updates in October.