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Superintendent of Schools

Facility Information Center

To begin tonight, I want to highlight a couple of updates to our Facility Information Center.

Recently, all five of our food service locations were inspected by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, with zero findings at every location. Those reports are now available through our Facility Information Center on the District website.

I want to especially recognize Rob Best and his team at Metz Culinary Management for these outstanding results and their continued commitment to maintaining clean, safe, and well-managed food service operations for our students.

We've also completed and published our first round of District-led indoor air-quality screening at all five schools. District staff measured many of the same air-quality indicators included in Cumberland Analytical Laboratories' testing. This gives us an added layer of monitoring between Cumberland's quarterly tests. The reports are available through the Facilities Information Center on the District website.

We encourage families and community members to visit etownschools.org to stay informed about our ongoing health and safety monitoring efforts.

Secondary School Complex Building Project

With RLPS Architects presenting this evening on the Secondary School Complex Building Project, I want to remind our community that

we have a dedicated webpage on our District website for families and community members to access project updates, Board presentations, and planning information as the design process moves forward.

We encourage our community to use this resource to stay informed about this important project.

2027–2028 Budget Development

With the Board's approval of the 2027–2028 Budget Calendar this evening, we officially begin the budget development process for next school year.

There is also a dedicated Budget Development webpage on our District website where the community can follow the process, review presentations and supporting materials, and stay informed as we work toward adopting the final budget for the 2027-2028 school year.

Veterans Day Ceremony

I also want to reflect on our Veterans Day Ceremony held last Wednesday at Elizabethtown Area High School.

It was truly an honor to be part of this meaningful event as our students and staff came together to recognize 20 veterans who joined us for the ceremony.

I want to thank our students, faculty, and staff who helped make the ceremony possible, along with Elizabethtown Borough Mayor Phil Clark for joining us.

And most importantly, to the 20 veterans who participated, thank you for your service and for allowing us the opportunity to recognize and honor you.

November Recess and Board Reorganization

And finally, as we approach Thanksgiving, I want to remind our families that Wednesday, November 25, will be an early dismissal, with schools closed through Monday, November 30. Students will return on Tuesday, December 1.

December 1 also marks our annual Board Reorganization and Workshop Meeting.

Ms. Donnan, Assistant Principal, at Bainbridge won the food donation competition. Thank you to all families that donated to the food drive with a fun competition between Ms Donnan and Principal

"As we pause to reflect during this Thanksgiving season, I am grateful to be part of the Elizabethtown Area School District community. To our students thank you for showing up every day, with your energy in the classroom, on the field, and in everything you pursue outside of school. Watching you grow and thrive is the best part of this work. To our faculty, staff, and administrators, thank you for putting students first, every single day. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. To our Board, thank you for your hard work and collaboration in planning for the future of our students. Your financial stewardship and the work you are doing with our facilities are setting a positive foundation for learning for years to come. And to our families and community, your

continued support makes all of this possible. On behalf of the District, I wish everyone a safe, restful, and happy Thanksgiving."