

# **Interim Superintendent's Report**

## **September 8, 2020**

### **Reopening Schools Update**

- **The first 2 weeks have been simply awesome! I'd like to express my deepest appreciation for the efforts and support from our parents, staff, community, and students. We still have glitches and challenges to face, but we are truly working as a "village" to come together for our students. Outstanding!!**
- **Status of changing instructional models in our district (I'll provide the most up-to-date and accurate information during the meeting)**
- **Last week, Governor Wolf changed his stance on spectators at athletic events and will allow spectators. However, the numbers for gatherings still must be strictly monitored. That is, an indoor gathering may have no more than 25, and an outdoor gathering may have no more than 250. These limits include all players, coaches, officials, band, cheerleaders, workers, EMS, etc. The Mountain League AD's have been holding meetings to discuss how this could work in each of our respective venues. However, at this time, the state legislature is considering at least 1 bill that could change the guidelines. More information to come!**
- **Health and Safety Plan + Athletic Plan (includes spectators) - We need to revise our Athletic Plan to include the information about the spectators. Last week, we also received information from PDE indicating that the Athletic Plan must be included or attached to the district's Health and Safety Plan. Of course, every change to the Plans requires Board approval and resubmission of our Plan to PDE.**
- **BeLA - We have had some glitches with our BeLA program at both the secondary and elementary levels. We are working through all of those issues. We also created a support network of our own teachers and staff that will work with students or reach out to provide help for our students. A meeting with Pearson representatives was held today regarding some of the issues (more information will be provided during this report).**

## **Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Update**

**In short, we are on pace with our proposed rollout and plan. A committee is nearly formed, and an initial meeting will be held in the next few weeks. Today, Mike Baughman and Michelle Simpson met with Dr. Chatters from the State College School District. Dr. Heather Bennett from PSBA has offered her support and guidance. And, just recently, Kim Sharp shared a PSEA contact that may be able to provide support for our initiatives. (Mike Baughman and Michelle Simpson will provide information and an update of the progress and upcoming plans at this time.)**

## **Graduation Requirement Concern for Community Service**

**Due to decreased opportunities for our students to perform Community Service during the pandemic, we may need to revise our graduation requirements for the Class of 2021. For example, some of our students earn Community Service hours by volunteering regularly in their churches, in non-profit organizations or in health-related facilities. But, those facilities may have been closed in the past or may have limited access now, so volunteering may not be possible. The Community Service requirement is a local requirement, so the hours could be reduced or waived for the Class of 2021.**