

**To: Dansville School Board Members**

**From: Andy Cox**

**Date: December 9, 2020**

**Re: DES update**

- In the midst of an unusual year, we are attempting to keep the season bright for our kids. On Monday, Dec. 7, we hosted a “Zooming with Santa” online experience. Families could sign up for a time slot to meet with Santa in a Zoom session and have their picture taken with him. It really turned out great and a special thank you goes out to Lance Graf and Becky Ames for all of their help. Unfortunately, only 14 families signed up. We thought this was going to be a ‘hot ticket’ so four nights had been originally scheduled for this opportunity but due to low demand it was condensed into just one evening. The good news is that the magic of Santa lives on. The reactions of the kids came through the computer screen quite clearly and it was priceless.
- Other holiday activities include:
  - Christmas Carol Name That Tune during morning announcements, our traditional All School Holiday Sing Along will happen over the PA so each classroom can stay in their cohort
  - Each classroom has their own special things happening like mischievous elves who visit in the night, extra art projects and the ever important Christmas party.
  - The PTO also continued the tradition of offering the Secret Santa Shop online
- The Ingham ISD has put together an ELA Advisory Committee to review 8 different ELA curriculums as our current license with Reading Street sets to expire in the near future. This involves several meetings to discuss pros and cons of each product. Other Aggies that are representing Dansville are Leah Braman, Sue Provencal, Katie Theurer and Stephanie Heraux.
- 12 elementary families have been adopted by local community groups or will receive gifts from the school through this year’s donation campaign that has been organized by the HS Pals group. A big thank you to Tania Dupuis and Ethan Felsing for organizing this big undertaking to help families have a memorable Christmas.