

**To: Dansville School Board Members**

**From: Andy Cox**

**Date: March 12, 2019**

**Re: DES update**

- Elementary Conferences and Book Fair are scheduled for March 26 & 27 from 4:00-7:00.
- M-STEP schedules and practice activities have been distributed. This includes links to sample questions, printouts of sample writing prompts with scored responses to give students an idea of what it takes to score high on the writing rubric. Crosswalk documents have also been shared with teachers to give a sense of what learning targets need to be addressed well during Tier I instruction. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have the most amount of testing periodically throughout April. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will complete their testing in May.
- Kindergarten and Beginndergarten Round Up took place on Feb. 26th. It's always an exciting event to see the energy, enthusiasm in the form of future Aggies. At this point we have 50 students registered. This does not take into account the current Beginndergarten students who will return next year as Kindergarten students.
- Elementary Student Council continues to be the eyes and ears of the school looking for student feedback and suggestions. Currently the council just wrapped up what turned out to be a successful annual fundraiser of selling Smencils.
- March Is Reading Month has had a great start this week under the title "Get Your Game On and READ." An author visit is scheduled for this Thursday with many other exciting activities including a GYM READ-IN. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, we'll have the entire elementary reading together in our new gym. Prizes are awarded randomly to students who meet their reading goals of 15-20 minutes per night at home.
- The WIDA test was completed this month for all 3 of our students who have other languages spoken in their homes. This is a state mandated test to ensure students progress with learning the English language.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Living Wax Museum is taking place Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> throughout the day. This has become a highly anticipated annual event for 4<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Our Read-A-Thon fundraiser is moving along nicely with nearly \$3900 in profits raised. This has been a great opportunity for friends and family outside of our area to support their students as this fundraiser is online.