

**To: Dansville School Board Members**

**From: Andy Cox**

**Date: March 16, 2022**

**Re: DES update**

- Elementary Conferences were a big success again this spring with a 93% participation rate.
- M-STEP schedules and accommodations are being prepared. Nearly all of the elementary standardized tests will take place from April 11-29.
- Kindergarten and Beginnergarten Round Up took place on Feb. 23rd. It's always an exciting event to see the energy, enthusiasm in the form of future Aggies. At this point we have about 40 students registered. This does not take into account the current Beginnergarten students who will return next year as Kindergarten students.
- March Is Reading Month has been so much fun with a beach theme using the title "Catch a Title Wave of Books." We have enjoyed mystery guest readers and other exciting activities including a Beach READ-IN where we are transforming the gym into a beach scene. 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 both 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 took place recently. 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 \$4500 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.