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Superintendent's Report for: October, 2021

Hope School Committee

District Goals:

Tentative Goals:

Improving communication as well as family and community involvement in school board meetings.

Action steps:

- i. Get links on the town website
- ii. Research ways to increase access to school board meetings

Ensure that the Board is seeking opportunities to better understand equity, diversity and inclusion at HES.

Facilities and capital improvements

Action steps:

- I. Examine and plan for diverse needs for space
- ii. plan and budget for multi year facility improvements

Researching ways to maintain a healthy environment for learning

Thus far, the Board has approved the remote meeting policy and has decided to provide a Zoom link to every board meeting and use an OWL to broadcast meetings in real time via Zoom. This particular goal is very timely, given that the legislature has developed a law that will go into effect this month, requiring Boards to think about, and develop a policy around, communication with families and staff.

In addition, the facilities committee has met and Ms. Fagonde will report further on that meeting in her Principal's report.

Ongoing Superintendent Professional Development:

- Ongoing: Midcoast Superintendents; Commissioner's briefing; CCI
- Drummond Woodsum conference on updates to legislation. Our policy committee will need to meet in order to create policies to bring before the board as a result of some pending legislation.

Classroom visits:

Classroom visits to HES are underway! So far, I have spent the morning in the PreK program, read to Grades 2, helped out with literacy in Grade 1 and played along in music class! Thursday of this week, I will visit with Kindergarten.

SU #69 Central Office news:

Just a reminder that the office will be closed from Tuesday, October 19th until Monday, October 25th. We will have spotty access to internet and phone at that time, but will do our best to respond to calls and emails as quickly as possible.

Coronavirus:

We have been in school for 25 days of school thus far, and as of this writing, have had no reports of positive cases in school, no need for quarantine or closures. We are grateful for families and students who are working closely with us to keep the mitigation measures in place and make sure that we have as much in person learning time as possible.

However, we are now experiencing an outbreak at AVS, and the school is closed this week. This year is very different from what we experienced last year. Last year, one case meant a whole class had to quarantine, but in the end, it was just one case. That is not the case this year, however, the number of cases attests to the highly contagious nature of this variant. Over this weekend, our understanding of the number of cases and close contact changed multiple times. In the end, over 50% of the students in AVS were considered close contacts. We still believe that our mitigation measures in school kept the overall number of cases down, but we have learned many lessons about managing these new conditions.

We have been contacted by Pen Bay Medical Center about organizing vaccine clinics for younger students in the schools once they become available. The clinics seemed to work well last year and will be available only to students who have express permission from a parent or guardian. We have only begun to plan, so more information will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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