



News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of Aug. 3 & Aug. 17, 2021

The Board of Education on Aug. 3, 2021 approved ...

The Probationary Appointments of

Priscilla Steinert,
Elementary Teacher

Erin Carroll,
Elementary Teacher

Jennifer Cichuniec,
Elementary Teacher

Elissa Genco,
Elementary Teacher

Carleen Conrad,
Elementary Teacher

Abigail Easton,
Elementary Teacher

Maygan Feirabend,
Elementary Teacher

Donna Gawlik,
Elementary Teacher

Izabella Ventresca,
Elementary Teacher

Bryce Parker-Norton,
Physical Education

Zachary Wyatt,
Physical Education

Toni Fulton,
Occupational Therapist

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Hello Everyone,

A collective breath is being held as people await word on how school will open this fall. Our top priority is the same as that of the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics: to safely return students to five days a week of in-person instruction, and to keep them there for the remainder of the school year.

Currently, we await word from the Erie County Department of Health, which is in the process of evaluating re-opening guidance. We do know that the Lake Shore opening plan will follow recommendations from our federal, state and local health care agencies in terms of:

- Promoting vaccination
- Consistent and correct mask use
- Physical distancing
- Screening/testing to promptly identify cases, clusters and outbreaks
- Ventilation
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Staying home when sick and getting tested
- Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine
- Cleaning and disinfection

Meanwhile, we have ambitious plans for our district programs and projects for the 2021-22 school year, as you can see from the District Goals just adopted by the Board of Education. Under these goals, the District will . . .

- Maintain a rigorous curriculum and high-quality instruction to advance the learning of all students.
- Provide school community members with opportunities to support their mental and physical health and safety.
- Utilize state and federal funding to maintain and expand educational opportunities.
- Advocate for digital equity of technology at the local, state and federal levels for all students.
- Proceed with our Capital Construction Project plans, continue to maintain our facilities at the highest level, and demonstrate fiscal responsibility in all areas of operation.
- Foster a culture of community engagement to promote a partnership for success.

There is much to be done and we look forward to having everyone safely back and on board as we address these goals in the new school year. Enjoy these last beautiful days of summer—an exciting fall is just ahead!

**See you in September,
Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent**

Heather Edwards,
Custodian

Accepted with regret the
resignation for the
purpose of retirement of ...

Susan McGough, Social
Studies Teacher, effective
07/15/21

Michelle Myles, School
Counselor, effective
11/12/21

Ann Coleman, Teaching
Assistant, effective 11/1/21

Anthony George, Social
Studies Teacher, effective
11/30/21

Accepted with regret the
resignation of ...

Priscilla Steinert, Teaching
Assistant

Erin Carroll,
Teaching Assistant

Jennifer Cichuniec,
Teaching Assistant

Elissa Genco,
Teaching Assistant

Heather Edwards,
Laborer

Tina Buckley, Bus Driver

NEXT

**Board of Education
Meeting ...
Tuesday, Sept. 7
WORK SESSION
Starting with 6 p.m.
Transportation
Building Tour.
Meeting starts at
7 p.m., High School
Media Center**

In other matters

At the Aug. 17, 2021 Board Meetings, the Board of Education:

* Conducted a Public Hearing on the District Safety Plan.

* Heard a report on the Family Support Center.

Social worker Nicole Phillips reported on the FSC's initiative to incorporate social-emotional learning lessons for grades K-5 during summer school and also additional time on coping and adjusting for students in the transitional grades of K, 5 and 8. She listed several programs and projects offered by the center, including virtual programming for parents and families on mental health topics, and the Family Fun Walk collaboration with the High School leadership class. The class painted rocks that were hidden at all three elementary school playgrounds and the Saylor Building. When families found them, they took them to the Middle School to collect their prize. During the pandemic, the FSC has conducted more home visits to check in on families and deliver school meals and schoolwork packets. The center also has helped provide more basic need assistance and connections to resources related to job losses during COVID-19.

"They do amazing things and they do hard things and they do it well and I'm very proud," said Christine Starks, Building/Program Administrator.

* Approved:

- The [District Comprehensive Improvement Plan](#) for the 2021-22 school year.
- The [District Safety Plan](#) for the 2021-22 school year.
- The [District Goals](#) for the 2021-22 school year.

Congressman Jacobs tours new addition!

Congressman Chris Jacobs visited Lake Shore recently, touring the new addition at the High School for a first-hand look at the school's new CTE and technology spaces.

School officials thanked Rep. Jacobs for supporting the American Rescue Plan for Schools and discussed how ARP funds are being used at Lake Shore. They also discussed the need for predictable funding streams, digital equity, and support of CTE through BOCES and P-Tech, and shared thoughts about Federal Impact Aid for Lake Shore.

In addition to Superintendent Dr. Charles Galluzzo and Board of Education members Kathleen Chiavetta and Michael Franey, Mr. Jacobs and aides George Mc Nerney, District Director, and Sean O'Neil, Constituent Services Liaison, were accompanied by Dan Pacos, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance; John Wilson, Director of Facilities, and Jeffrey Barnes, Director of Technology and Chief Information Officer.



The Board of Education on Aug. 17, 2021 approved ...

The Probationary Appointments of

Julia Reesor, Social Studies
teacher

Brandon Bauer, Social
Studies teacher, effective
12/1/21

Macayla Barry,
Teaching Assistant

Jennifer Hudy,
Teaching Assistant

Nadine Mayer,
Teaching Assistant

Julia Pickering,
Teaching Assistant

Shaina Samples,
Teaching Assistant

Madeline Vail, Teaching
Assistant, effective 11/2/21

Ryan Breuer,
Laborer

Recall from lay-off status of ...

Vanessa Manney ,
to full time (1.0 FTE)
School Counselor position,
effective 11/15/21

Summer School

HERE'S HOW WE DID

For many students, some summer school effort was all it took to turn a non-passing grade into a successful pass. Superintendent Dr. Charles Galluzzo shared the numbers with the Board of Education Tuesday night in a report on the student outcomes.

DIRECT INSTRUCTION

COURSE	# ENROLLED	# PASSING	PASSING	
ALGEBRA (R)	14	14	100.00%	REGENTS
EARTH SCIENCE (R)	22	20	90.91%	REGENTS
ELA 11	3	3	100.00%	REGENTS
GLOBAL 10	7	7	100.00%	REGENTS
HEALTH	3	3	100.00%	
LIVING ENVIRONMENT	11	11	100.00%	REGENTS
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1	1	100.00%	
US HISTORY	5	4	80.00%	REGENTS
INTRO TO ALGEBRA	16	14	87.50%	

*In addition, nine courses were offered online via Gradpoint.
The 17 students who participated also were able to pass their courses.*



The athletic fields are in tip-top shape, and one of the people we can thank for that is Zach Easton, a summer intern in the Buildings and Grounds Department. He's shown here about to begin work at the baseball diamond on a hot summer afternoon.

We did all this ...

in summer school!



Students' bulletin boards chronicle summer school themes

There were six themes for the 12 students in Belinde Ebling's Life Skills summer class, and those themes were portrayed on bright bulletin boards adorning the Middle School hallway. The themes were nature, garden, recycling, beach, animal and carnival, recounts Teaching Assistant Arlene Miller. "Students went on a nature walk with physical education teachers Mr. Marshall and Mr. Koehler and colored wildlife images and paper butterflies for their nature poster," she says. "For the garden theme, students created colorful tissue paper flowers." When it came time for the recycling theme, students set to work sorting plastic, paper, cans, and glass items into individually labeled boxes inside the classroom. Outside, the students learned that Lake Shore buildings have three recycling containers.

Then there was the field trip to Evans Town Park, providing opportunities to collect Lake Erie seashells, clam shells, and small stones for another hallway poster.

Summer school also included a trip to the Buffalo Zoo, inspiring students to create a colorful toucan bulletin board. "Our last theme was carnival," says Mrs. Miller. "Students and staff attended the Erie County Fair, and it was a great way to round out a summer of fun!"



A work in progress

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CONTINUES

Happening at JT Waugh ...



Above and Right: Above, old paving is being removed to make way for a newly-paved parking lot, looking great at right.



Below and Right: The main office renovation is shown at its very beginning, below, and as it has progressed to date, at right.



A work in progress

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT at JT Waugh can't ...



Above:

Stairway renovation at the outset at J.T. Waugh.

Top left:

The new stairway constructed over the area where the old one was.

Bottom left:

Matthew Lucarelli from CFV contractors brings in the metal mesh for the new sidewalk that will be poured. He graciously posed for a photo while waiting for me to move my car so he could pull in and get started with the unloading!



Happening at the High School



Top: Freshly-paved new bus loop in front of the High School.

Inset: The earlier part of the process, with gravel laid.

Above: Mike Achramovitch is ready for some electrical work!

Right: Ron Haber, left, and Randy Barron install cabinetry in a biology classroom.