



News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of Aug. 11, 2020

The Board of Education on Tuesday night:

Adopted a revised education calendar. This revision allows for four staff development days before school starts for students on Sept. 8.

Accepted with regret the resignations of:
Benjamin Chatley,
Teaching Assistant

Pamela Connors,
Teaching Assistant

Approved the appointments of:
Evan Koehler, probationary Physical Education Teacher

Kylie Mathis-Wadsworth, probationary Special Education Teacher.

Brian Edwards,
Probationary Custodian

Approved recall from lay-off of:
Joseph Pinter to a full time (1.0 FTE) Teaching Assistant position

Tallie King to a full time (1.0 FTE) Teaching Assistant position

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Hello Everyone,

At its August 4th meeting, the Board of Education said if it's OK for students to come back in person, then it's OK for the Board to come back in person, too. So, on Tuesday night, the Board held its first in person meeting since schools were closed back in March.

Getting underway while socially distanced around tables in the High School media center, the first order of business was a change in the District's instructional calendar. That change brings teachers in for Superintendent's Conference Days on Aug. 31 and Sept 1, 2 and 3. That brings us to the Sept. 4-7 Labor Day weekend, with students returning to school on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Nov. 25 and March 19, originally scheduled as Superintendent Conference Days, now become student instruction days. The Jan. 29 Superintendent's Conference Day remains as is. You can click [HERE](#) to see the revised academic calendar.

Meanwhile, the District continues its preparations for the reopening of school. A staff information Zoom meeting is scheduled for 1:30 pm, Thursday, Aug. 13. Parent information meetings are scheduled on Zoom for 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Monday, Aug. 17 and at 10 am on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

On a related note, Director of Facilities John Wilson showed the Board one of the six foot distancing stickers that will be prominent throughout our buildings. Distancing, masking, handwashing and disinfecting will be key themes for back-to-school. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we enter this decidedly different school year.

**Sincerely,
Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent**



The Board of Education has resumed in-person meetings, above.

At right, Director of Facilities John Wilson displays one of the six foot distancing stickers.

- Photos courtesy of Melissa Bergler.

**Board of
Education
Actions Continued**

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**In other matters, the
Board approved:**

The District Safety
Plan for the 2020-21
school year.

The District Compre-
hensive Improvement
Plan for the 2020-21
school year.

**NEXT Board
of Education
Meetings:**

Tues., Sept. 1
6:15 pm: Tour of
Transportation
Building

7 pm: Work Session
High School
Media Center

Tues., Sept. 15
7 pm: Regular
Meeting
High School
Media Center

*Meetings are
expected to be held
in-person in the High
School Media Center.
Any change in
location or reverting
to remote will be
announced.*

Important Info re COVID-19 Protocols for Back-to-School ...

Districts have worked hard to develop their reopening plans and cleaning/disinfecting protocols. (If you haven't had a chance to peruse the District's plan for reopening, you can take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with it [HERE](#).)

They also have been coordinating efforts with the Erie County Department of Health for a safe reopening and a coordinated response should someone show symptoms of Covid-19 at school or test positive. Here are the highlights, with links to take you to more detailed information:

What is the plan for Covid-19 testing?

School districts do not test students or staff. The Erie County Department of Health conducts specimen collection sites. If an individual wants to get tested, they can call 716-858-2929 to schedule. Also, Covid-19 testing information throughout Erie County is available [HERE](#).

What if someone exhibits Covid-19 symptoms at school?

The Erie County Health Department provides [this chart](#) outlining the protocol for symptomatic staff or students.

What if someone tests positive?

The Erie County Department of Health shares this flow chart to illustrate the sequence of events if someone tests positive and must quarantine. See it [HERE](#).

What is the plan for contact tracing?

School districts do not conduct contact tracing.

The school district's role is to help identify close contacts for contact tracers at the Erie County Department of Health, which is responsible for contact tracing.

The District will work with the DOH contact tracers to provide information for them to assess close contacts. In addition, Lake Shore will begin a new visitor management system this fall which scans the licenses of all building visitors. This will provide a record of who was in the building, when, and how to reach them.

A key factor in determining close contact is if a person has been less than six feet from a confirmed case for more than 10 continuous minutes. Those individuals would be contacted by the Department of Health contact tracers.

How can I help keep my child safe?



**Here's a look at how the High School addition is progressing this week.
Things are looking good!**