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District 917

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ISD 917 BOARD NOTES

November 10, 2020

Regular Board Meeting

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Like all other public schools throughout the State of Minnesota, we are struggling with the impact of COVID-19 on our learning environments. We are carefully balancing the need to keep students and staff members safe and to continue the highest possible level of education. With the rates of Dakota County increasing steadily, and the fact that several of our sites have had positive cases resulting in multiple close contacts, we need to take the safest approach possible.

The following changes will occur for Intermediate School District 917 programming:

For each of our programs that are located in our member district schools, including PACES, DASH, and D/HH, we will be following the school schedules of those school districts.

Our federal setting IV programs at Alliance Education Center, Cedar School, Concord Education Center, and Lebanon Education Center, as well as the TESA program at the Dakota County Technical Center and our care and treatment sites will transition to a distance learning model. The last day of the hybrid model will be Friday, November 20th. For these programs, Monday, November 23, Tuesday, November 24, and Monday, November 30, staff will be working to transition between models. School will resume for students in the distance learning model on Tuesday, December 1.

The Dakota County Area Learning School (DCALS) sites at DCTC, West St. Paul, and Farmington and the Career and Technical Education program will continue to operate in the hybrid model as they presently are. If COVID-19 testing data or other conditions change, we may need to move to a more restrictive environment.

We are hopeful that shortly after the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, we will be able reopen all of our school sites in a hybrid model. Of course, we will need to respond to the data at that time and make the best decision possible in the interest of student and staff safety.

I appreciate your continued support and the desire to keep your child safe. I am hopeful that all things will return to a more typical status shortly. These are the hardest decisions I have had to make in my career. I will keep you informed as our decision making continues.

Respectfully,
Mark A. Zuzek, Superintendent

PERSONNEL:

New Hires: Jayle Engberg, Classroom Assistant, effective October 26, 2020. James Horace, Classroom Assistant, effective October 26, 2020. Sara Stelflug, Classroom Assistant, effective October 14, 2020. Rebecca Strickland, Classroom Assistant, effective November 2, 2020. Emily Waller, Classroom Assistant, effective October 14, 2020. **Resignations and Terminations:** Karley Branscomb, Classroom Assistant, effective October 28, 2020. Kaytlyn Knight, Classroom Assistant, effective August 30, 2020. Savannah Mead, Classroom Assistant, effective November 17, 2020. Kacy Rodamaker, Classroom Assistant, effective September 25, 2020. Alyssa Tongue, Special Education Teacher, effective October 19, 2020. **Retirements:** Lynn Morris, Math Teacher, effective January 22, 2021.

Calendar Information



November 26-27, 2020— Closed for Thanksgiving break

December 1, 2020—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting, 917 Board Room, DCTC

December 24-25, 2019—Closed for holiday break

January 1, 2021—Closed for New Year's Day

January 5, 2021—5:00 PM, School Board Meeting via Google Hangouts



Happy Thanksgiving



Motions and Reports

- Motion passed approving the Revenue and Expenditure Report.
- Motion passed approving the Accounts Receivable Aged Invoice report
- Motion passed approving the following policies on a final reading: 452 – Employment of Temporary Employees; 453 – Non-Licensed Substitute Pay Schedule; 454 – Instructor Attendance; 458 – Instructional Staff Performance Appraisal; 462 – Building Security; 463 – Jury Duty; Policy 456 – Substitute Instructor Pay Schedule; Policy 521 – Student Disability Non-Discrimination; Policy 461 – Staff Use of District Facilities Equipment; Policy 465 – Employee Time off for Union Negotiations; Policy 483 – Uniforms for School District Personnel, Safety Eyewear and Other Personal Protective Equipment
- Motion passed approving the Operational Focus for 2020-2021.
- Motion passed approving the Paraprofessional Contract for 2020-2022
- Motion passed approving Policy 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals and Policy 603 Curriculum Development on a first reading basis.
- Motion passed approving Policy 820 School Closings in Exigent Emergencies, second reading.

DONATIONS

- Donation to the Fundamental Chef Training Program to be used to pack and transport students' ingredients to their homes. On students' hybrid days, they watch Chef Patty's cooking demonstration live during their scheduled class time. After, they use the ingredients to prepare the daily cooking assignment. The students then send a photo of the finished, plated product to Chef Patty. The following was donated by:

Deb Kelly's contact, **Dana McDonald at Wings Financial** in Apple Valley--24 soft-sided coolers--valued at \$240.00.

Craig Lindberg--30 soft-sided coolers--valued at \$300.00.

Brenda Kadlec at Dakota Electric--24 hard-shell lunch coolers, valued at \$240.00.

Terri Lomas--48 ice packs, valued at \$180.00.

Lisa Rasmussen--10 ice packs, valued at \$40.00.

Dale Engman--10 ice packs, valued at \$40.00.



- Donation of \$250 from **Mark and Janet Schneider** of Farmington to be used to purchase gift cards for students' needs in the DCALS program.