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Harrisburg School District



June 5
High School Graduation

June 6
Budget committee meeting

June 8
8th grade promotion

June 9
Bilingual Potluck

June 13
School Board Meeting

June 14
Last day of school

July 11
School Board Meeting

August 8
School Board Meeting

August 18
New teachers report

August 22
All staff report

August 29
Beginning of school



Summer

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THOUGHTS FROM THE Superintendent

It is hard to believe that we are close to the end of another school year. On Sunday, in sweltering heat, 82 seniors participated in the graduation ceremony. This group of seniors touts two Ford scholarship winners and a number of other scholarship winners. Congratulations to the class of 2016. The path to graduation begins in kindergarten and continues through high school.

This spring we celebrated our teachers and classified staff recognizing the work they do for our children each and every day. I am pleased that this district employs the finest educators around who take seriously their responsibility of teaching to the individual learning needs of students. Examples are demonstrated in each school and reflect the professional principles central to each employee.

We are revising our attendance policy in the school district. It will be the same policy at every school. A letter will be sent to parents this summer defining excused and unexcused absences and other procedures. This will take some adjustment to get used to but our district will be following the state guidelines more closely. Our chronic absenteeism is too high. We hope to improve student attendance across the school district.

Several teachers and two principals will attend the summer institute for AVID this summer. I am excited to announce that we are implementing the AVID program in each of our schools next school year. This program is financed through grants. The third grade teachers and Mrs. O'Connor will attend the training this summer. Our 6th grade teachers at the middle

school along with principal Mrs. Stuller will attend the training as well. Our high school teachers plan to focus on the 9th grade students. We will send the new counselor Mary Ahern, D.J. Ellis, Ashley Reid, Amy James and Hailey Hoiland. The middle and high school will have an elective class called AVID elective for those students who have applied and been selected. This will transform instruction, systems, leadership, and school wide culture. Our teachers will learn to use the various strategies used in the AVID system. With increased academic rigor, our students academic performance should increase and ensure more of our students are college and career ready.

I would like to congratulate all of our spring sport athletes and coaches for their hard work this past season. The boys baseball team lost a tough game during the first round of the playoffs while the girls softball team went onto the quarter finals before elimination. The boys track team placed 3rd in state behind strong performances from several individuals.

I would like to recognize the following retirees: Donna Newman and Nancy Nolan. Their years of service to the Harrisburg School District is greatly appreciated. Both will be missed in their respective positions. I would like to wish these ladies the best in their retirement years. It is truly an honor to serve as Superintendent of Harrisburg Schools.

Go Eagles!!

Summer Food Program

Our summer lunch program will begin on Monday, June 20 and run from 11:30 to 12:30 every day. Breakfast will be served every day from 8:00—8:30 a.m. These programs will shut down August 5.

7 Keys to Success - Closing the Achievement Gap

High Expectations

Everything begins here. Educators must possess an unwavering belief that ALL students can and will learn to a high standard. This standard must be consistent and communicated to all – teachers, students, parents, and community members. This is not just feel-good educational rhetoric. Rather, it is a deeply held belief system that forms the basis for action.

High Quality Teaching

A successful school leader is a strong educator and communicator with a powerful, clear focus on achieving academic success. Leadership begins with a principal, but it is not limited to the person at the top. At the best schools, leadership is systemically shared by all educators and stakeholders. This leadership reflects and reinforces a school environment that is safe, nurturing, and respectful – creating a place where learning is able to happen. You do not close the gap without focusing on increasing student achievement. Most successful schools begin by focusing on improving literacy. They pour time, energy, and resources into reading programs with proven results. A strong commitment to literacy typically lifts achievement in other academic areas too.

Accountability

Professional Development

Parent and Community Engagement

Commitment to Action