

# Brandywine Heights Area School District

200 West Weis Street, Topton, PA 19562



## Superintendent Report

March 5, 2018

### Curriculum/Instruction:

#### 1. Professional Development Committee

- The PD Committee met on Feb. 16 to discuss plans for next year. As a committee, we are looking to provide an individualized PD path for teachers. An ad-hoc subcommittee will be formed to develop these plans.

#### 2. Curriculum/Instruction Budget

- A preliminary budget was presented to the Board/community on Feb. 19 that identified the anticipated needs of the department for the '18-'19 school year.

#### 3. Explore (STEM Class) Site Visit

- On Feb. 26, Fleetwood will be visiting our Explore classes and meeting with our teachers as this is something they are currently investigating.

#### 4. Class Rank Committee

- On Feb. 19, Mr. Ziatyk led the discussion as we evaluate our current practice surrounding class rank (including GPA, quality points, honor points, etc.). The committee will reconvene on March 8.

#### 5. Berks Early Learning Coalition (BELC)

- The data subcommittee will reconvene to discuss/review the data collection process for the upcoming school year. The two questions being asked to incoming kindergarten students across Berks County are as follows:
  - Did you child attend a 'Child Care Center' of 'Family Child Care Home'?
  - If yes, what is the name of the child care or Pre-K provider (including city and state)?

#### 6. Brandywine Heights Virtual Academy

- The VA has 197 students currently enrolled (215 total)

### Technology:

#### 1. Technology Budget

- A preliminary budget was presented to the Board/community on Feb. 19 that identified the anticipated needs of the department for the '18-'19 school year.

#### 2. Higher Information Group Account Liaison

- In an effort to better support BHASD, HIG has identified a specific account liaison to improve communications. We have also formalized the following:

- i. Daily ticket reports: Ticket report sent to all technicians, account liaison, and Assistant to the Superintendent that includes any outstanding tickets, including individual responsible for resolution
    - ii. Weekly check-ins: The account liaison formally debriefs with the lead technician weekly
    - iii. Quarterly collaboration: HIG's Dir. of Technology will meet face-to-face with BHASD's Assistant to the Superintendent every three months to review any issues and proactively discuss projects
  - This formal approach will help better ensure BHASD is being supported appropriately.
- 3. Clever (Single Sign-On)**
- We will be piloting Clever with a small group of students to determine if this single sign-on tool performs as desired.

## **Athletics:**

### **1. Character Education**

- **UPDATE:** Coaches selected team leaders from Brandywine Heights High School representing each PIAA recognized sport in our district. Each student representative will attend the Caron Leadership Academy kickoff event on March 13, 2018 at Schuylkill Valley High School. The program's goal is to develop positive team leaders. Letters will be sent to the selected students the week of February 26th to confirm their participation in the program.

### **2. Student/Community Involvement**

- First Parent Athletic Advisory Committee meeting held on January 31st. A total of 18 parents attended and identified strengths weaknesses of the Athletic Department. The next meeting targeted for the first week of March will be to identify more specific action items.
- There will be a "Guiding the College-Bound Athlete" seminar on Tuesday, March 27th, at 7:30 in the HS Auditorium for Parents and Students in grades 8-12. The Seminar will be conducted by Rick Wire from Dynamic Sports.

### **3. Athletic Excellence**

- The winter season ended with all our winter sports teams qualifying for Berks County Playoffs (Wrestling, Girls and Boys Basketball)
- Five Wrestlers qualified for Districts and will compete on February 23 and 24 in Hershey.
- Three swimmers qualified for Districts and will compete on Saturday, March 2nd at Cumberland Valley.
- Spring Sport practices begin for High School on March 5th.
- Spring Sport practices begin March 12th.

## **Brandywine Heights Community Task Force:**

### **1. Family Night - March 22, 2018**

- The Task Force and SADD Club are collaborating on the planning of a Family Night for this spring

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 District Enrollment Board Report  
 March 2018

Class of	Grade	Total Enrollment	Staff 2017-18	Average Class Size	Students with Academic IEPs (with possible related services)		Free/Reduced Lunch students		Virtual Academy Full Time	Virtual Academy Part Time/Blended
2030	Kindergarten	88	5	17.60	7	7.95%	31	35.23%	1	0
2029	First Grade	102	5	20.40	17	16.67%	33	32.35%	0	0
2028	Second Grade	105	5	21.00	26	24.76%	45	42.86%	0	0
2027	Third Grade	103	5	20.60	19	18.45%	30	29.13%	0	0
<b>Elementary</b>		<b>398</b>								
2026	Fourth Grade	82	4	20.50	26	31.71%	29	35.37%	0	1
2025	Fifth Grade	114	5	22.80	32	28.07%	42	36.84%	0	1
<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>196</b>								
2024	Sixth Grade	106	5	21.20	21	19.81%	31	29.25%	1	1
2023	Seventh Grade	120			23	19.17%	31	25.83%	3	0
2022	Eighth Grade	123			35	28.46%	33	26.83%	1	2
<b>Middle School</b>		<b>349</b>								
2021	Ninth Grade	105			16	15.24%	32	30.48%	4	22
2020	Tenth Grade	119			18	15.13%	34	28.57%	5	44
2019	Eleventh Grade	120			29	24.17%	23	19.17%	7	45
2018	Twelfth Grade	113			20	17.70%	23	20.35%	7	52
<b>High School</b>		<b>457</b>							<b>23</b>	<b>163</b>
Out of District Placements		7			7					
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1407</b>			<b>296</b>	<b>20.56%</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>30.17%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>168</b>