

A Team Staff News

July 23, 2020

Message from the Superintendent

Valued Staff Members,

The leadership team has been working to prepare the staff COVID-19 Preparedness plan to ensure the safety of all staff. We've prepared guidance for procedures and are working to ensure each of the items listed in the guidelines will be in place. Attached below you will find the [Staff COVID Preparedness Plan](#) for Alexandria Public Schools. As you know Governor Walz is mandating face coverings in public spaces in Minnesota. The [Governor's Executive Order 20-81](#), also attached below, describes when employees are required to wear face coverings. The executive order will be effective beginning Saturday, July 25th. Please take the time to review both of these documents and the hyperlinks in the plan.



We continue to work on the three MDE scenarios for school opening and MDE will be notifying all school districts the week of July 27th the reopening plan. Additional information will be coming regarding the plan.

Be well,
Rick



Staff COVID Preparedness Plan.pdf

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Governor's Order 20-81.pdf

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Upcoming Events

- **August 17, 2020:** Regular Board Meeting @ DO – 7:00 p.m.



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School Board Briefs - July 20, 2020 regular meeting

New A-Team Members

We welcome the following individuals to our A-Team staff:

- **Mikayla Meece**, CE Lifeguard/Swim Instructor, effective 6/10/2020
- **Andrea Peterson**, Custodian @ VES, effective 7/13/2020

Retirements

The following staff member has submitted a letter of retirement. Thank you for your service and dedication to the students and families of Alexandria Public Schools.

- **Diane Brickweg**, Food & Nutrition Services, effective 6/2/2020 [date of hire: 9/5/2020]
- **Connee Thorstad**, Paraprofessional, effective 6/2/2020 [date of hire: 1/3/2001]

Other Items from the July 20 Regular Board Meeting

- Maureen (Mo) Miller shared highlights from the Central Minnesota Telecommunications System (CMETS).
- Lynn Jenc shared highlights from Community Education/Compass.
- Scott Dahlin shared highlights from the Transportation Department.
- Darcy Josephson shared an update regarding School Opening plans.
- Approved the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) application as presented.
- Approved the resolution authorizing the issuance & sale of \$1.915 million in general obligation capital facilities bonds. The sale of the bonds pertains to the roof replacement projects at Discovery and Carlos, along with parking lot and playground improvements at Lincoln.
- Awarded the contract for the Lincoln Elementary School North Project to the low bidder, Riley Bros. Construction.
- Approved the first reading of 2020-2021 Operational Plan. as presented.



District Operational Plan 20-21 7.15.20.pdf

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First Reading of District Policy Revisions

The Board approved the first reading of policy updates for:

- **Policy 400** - Employee Resignation
- **Policy 413** - Harassment and Violence
- **Policy 419** - Tobacco-Free Environment
- **Policy 427** - Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers
- **Policy 470** - Teacher Supervision, Performance Improvement and Evaluation
- **Policy 527** - Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections and Searches
- **Policy 801** - Equal Access to Facilities of Secondary Schools

Policies Adopted

The Board adopted the revisions to the policies and procedures listed below that received a first reading at the June school board meeting.

- [Policy 451](#) - Leave Request, Staff
- [Policy 526](#) - Hazing Prohibition
- [Policy 550](#) - Student Grading and Assessment
- [Policy 551](#) - Early Admission Policy
- [Policy 565](#) - Meal Account Maintenance Provisions/Unpaid Meal Charges (Now Policy 534 - Unpaid Meal Charges)

Points of Pride

Individuals/teams recognized for "Points of Pride" at the July 20 school board meeting included:

- Advanced Placement (AP) scores were released this week. We are proud to report that **67% of Alexandria students** received a score of 3 or higher. Additionally, **4 out of the 6 AP classes** reported scores above the state average. Congratulations to students and staff on this commendable accomplishment, the results of which were achieved during our distance learning model.



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Our **Vision** is to be an extraordinary school district that tailors learning for each child, by working together!

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