

## **Safety Meeting January 30, 2024**

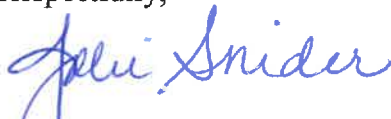
Present: Robert Finster, Superintendent; Marybeth Benson, HTA Co-President; Heather Sullivan, HTA Co-President; Kelly Avallone, HSEA President; Amy Frost, Business Office, Jolie Snider, District Clerk; Angela Robert, Transportation Supervisor; Don Snider, Director of Building and Grounds; Eric Schmitt, SRO; Robert Mackenzie, Director of Fire and Emergency Management for Lewis County; Sheryl Tuttle-Lamb, Curriculum Coordinator and Lisa Mitchell, Data Systems Coordinator.

- Mr. Finster distributed the Incident Command System (ICS) for School designation sheet. He stated Sergeant Schmitt would be the primary person of contact until other agencies arrive.
- New York State Education Department has increased their mandates regarding Ed Law 2D compliance in protecting student data. We will be required to implement new programs and submit new reports effective September 2024. We will be working over the summer to implement the required programs and complete the necessary audits. If a company states we are under the BOCES “umbrella”, we have to assure that Harrisville Central School is listed specifically. Any program that is now Ed Law 2D compliant must stop being used immediately. If there was a case where data was breached and the program was not Ed Law 2D compliant, our insurance company will not cover the case. The New York State Education Department has let schools know they will be audited in the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Sullivan stated this issue needs to be discussed at the next Staff Meeting.
- There is a major shortfall in New York State’s budget and Mr. Finster stated Governor Cuomo did not touch Transportation Aid during COVID when there were shortfalls in the Budget. He had a save harmless clause for schools that are “land rich and people poor”. Unfortunately, Governor Hochul’s budget does not have a save harmless clause. This means a decrease of approximately \$60,000 for Harrisville Central School.
- Mr. Finster discussed Harrisville Central School’s fiscal stress designation of susceptible fiscal stress. This is an improvement from the previous designation of moderate fiscal stress.
- Mrs. Benson asked Mr. Finster to discuss the Workplace Violence Prevention Plan that is required to be put into place. The BOCES attorney is putting together a template to assist schools to develop this plan.
- Mr. Mackenzie stated that Beaver River Central School is holding a situational awareness class. He also discussed See Something Say Something class. He has

been approved by the Department of Homeland Security to teach this class. This program also touches on human trafficking.

- Sergeant Schmitt asked if any schools have been invited to come to Harrisville Central School to view the Eclipse in April. There was discussion whether there would be school or possibly a snow day used so there is no concern of busses being on the road during the Eclipse.
- Mrs. Avallone asked about the new required course for mandated reporters. Mr. Finster stated this will be incorporated in the trainings that are required to be completed at the start of each school year.

Respectfully,



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