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OFFICE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education
From: Eric Luther
Date: 3/6/2025
Re:

We just concluded the end of the 25-week progress report period is here and reports will be sent home to parents this week. We are also working on setting up parent conferences for those that we need to meet with on Mon. Mar. 31st when we have a half-day for that purpose.

I am planning to meet with staff during our Staff Dev. Day on Fri. Mar. 21st to review and reflect on their curriculum maps that they have been working on throughout the year. I really want to focus on increasing the level of expectation/rigor that we have in meeting the NYS standards and ensuring we are challenging students at an appropriate level. I also want to ensure that we are assessing students at these similar levels and best preparing them for the increased expectations on the NYS assessments.

I have also started work on the Master Schedule for next year. We have all of the course selections information for our students and we are evaluating what courses we will continue to offer. Unfortunately, we have some of our elective courses that have 0-3 kids signed up for. It is hard to support offering a class with only 1-2 kids but we are doing our best in regards to get more kids in some of the courses.

Lastly, I am working on finalizing the schedules for the upcoming NYS 3-8 exams. We will be assessing kids through the computer-based format again starting in April. I am working to minimize the impact the testing and student needs will have on the functioning of the building on a daily basis. Ensuring we have enough room locations and proctors, can be tough at times.

In athletics, we are wrapping up the end of the winter seasons. The girls' basketball team lost a tough game against eventual Sectional champion Chateaugay and the boys' team is still playing after winning the Section X D division. We will play in the first round of NYS play on Wed. Mar. 12th at SUNY Potsdam. In bowling, we had 4 bowlers qualify for the NYS tournament in Syracuse on Mar. 15th. Athena B. and Hailey B. will be bowling in the morning and Gavin B. and Angelo C. will be bowling that afternoon. Best of luck to all of the athletes still competing!

I have also been planning for the beginning of the Spring season which will start on March 17th. Schedules are nearly complete as I have been moving games around to accommodate for Spring Break and also the Senior Trip. It has been tough to make things work but our kids will be playing a lot of game in a short amount of time!

In CSE, we are continuing to hold our annual review meetings. Things are going well and there have been no major changes to any of the IEPs completed for the rest of this year or next. I have also been planning to adjust staffing in covering our elementary self-contained room. The teacher currently in there, will be returning to the elementary to cover the resource room students and to also help with AIS. We have the ability to cover this class with the staff we have and we are looking at doing so in the most effective/productive way possible.