

Superintendent's Report - May 2019

A four day week, a five day week, a four day week - that is all that remains for students in the 2018-2019 school year. All of our schools are still firmly in learning mode, but we have much to do with little time left, including some much deserved time for fun and celebration. The last day for students is June 13, including the Class of 2019 who will officially become alumni that afternoon. Our staff will continue for a few more days of professional learning and preparing classrooms and schools for summer.

We are excited for our inaugural Play Like a Town Girl that will take place this Friday, May 31. Thanks to the collective work of NEST, Play Like a Town Girl emphasizes what it means to be a female student-athlete in the Norristown Area School District. Friday's event will connect middle school students with our high school athletes and teams so we can continue to grow and build our programs. Look for future events to highlight the qualities of strength, persistence, and determination.

We continued our Bridge to Employment partnership with Johnson & Johnson and Jansenn Biotech this year. Almost 40 students continued to work with mentors and gain valuable field experiences as they work to prepare for future careers. We celebrate the culmination of their year with a celebratory dinner highlighted with student presentations next Tuesday, June 4.

One of the many things that make Norristown Area School District a great place to live and learn is the excellence of our music program, as evidenced by the award shared by Mr. Mascaro earlier this evening. Each year, the NASD Music Faculty demonstrates their talents and commitment to music with a Recital. We cordially invite everyone to attend next Thursday, June 6, at Eisenhower Science and Technology Leadership Academy. Be sure you are in your seat right at 6:45 pm when we will start the show with an incredible ensemble piece with a special guest appearance.

We get to kick off graduation a week early as we celebrate with our seniors who attend Central Montco Technical High School. Graduation is scheduled there for next Thursday, June 6, at 7 pm. I am honored that, as Superintendent of Record this year, I am able to help congratulate our students who have completed their studies in Career and Technical Education.

1st annual Senior Walk will take place on June 11. We are excited for seniors to visit their elementary schools to say thanks and to inspire our current elementary students to see NASD graduates.

Finally, now is an important time to advocate for increased school funding. There are several bills being currently considered by the PA House and Senate that would benefit NASD in both the short term and long term. Please be sure to contact your representatives and advocates for public schools. I will be participating in a School Funding Advocacy Day in Harrisburg on

Wednesday, June 12. I welcome members of the Board and public to join me in the Capital Rotunda that day to fight for dollars that we know will make a difference in our schools.

This concludes the Superintendent's Report for the month of May.