

It is hard to believe today starts of our 6th week of teaching and learning of the 2020-2021 school year. I must offer many, many, many thanks to our entire staff for their resilience and dedication during this unprecedented start to the school year. Every single person has gone above and beyond to ensure that everyone is safe, everyone can be healthy, and everyone is provided the best and most rigorous educational program possible.

The Family Support Center at Roosevelt is now open. Staff is on-site daily to meet family needs at a convenient location. The center houses our entire home and school team, including registration, as well as English Language Development staff. Bilingual support is available all day, every day. Business hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, with walk up service and phone service currently available. We look forward to opening for in-person appointments in the future as health conditions allow.

Norristown Area School District has been a leader with ensuring that food service has continued for our students throughout the pandemic. I am extremely proud to announce that we will serve meal #1,000,000 tomorrow afternoon at Norristown Area High School. That is one million meals served to the children of our community since March 13. That is an average of approximately 4000 children who have been provided both breakfast and lunch five days per week for the entire duration of the 28 weeks we have endured the pandemic. Though I have many people to thank for their assistance facilitating meal distribution over the past few months, I would be remiss if I did not recognize two individuals for their leadership and commitment to feeding our community. Thank you to Director of Food Service Dave Ludwig and Chief Financial Officer Anne Rohricht. I also want to acknowledge both the US Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Department of Education for their support of the summer seamless option.

Last Wednesday, PIAA, the state governing body for interscholastic athletics, unanimously approved an option for any school districts that cancelled fall sports to run alternate sport schedules. We are beginning to work with surrounding schools to see what such schedules will look like. We are committed to fully exploring this opportunity for all of our athletes to play when health conditions improve and allow for the resumption of participation in January with three condensed schedules completed by the end of June. We plan to have an update and proposal ready for the October 15 Facilities and Finance Committee meeting.

We continue to monitor the national, state, county and local impact of COVID-19. We are thankful that the Montgomery County Office of Public Health has been a true partner with us, providing detailed information, including the number of cases, incidence rates, and positivity rates, as well as being available for consultation. Though we are months away from our planned move out of all virtual instruction, understanding the data and recognizing the trends are important as we plan for in-person instruction. We look forward to learning the successes and challenges of our Montgomery County neighbors as many resume in-person instruction in the coming weeks. After four weeks of decreased incidence and positivity, NAHS students will be permitted to begin attending Central Montco Technical High School under their approved hybrid

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model and Health and Safety Plan, beginning on Monday, October 5. 11th and 12th grade returning students will attend in cohorts one day per week.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates in October:

Tuesday, October 13, and Friday, October 23, are early dismissal days for all students K-12. Both days are scheduled for staff professional development. High School will conclude at 11:10, Middle School at 11:50, and Elementary School at 12:20.

Finally, October 3 is the last day to register to vote for the general election this fall. Regardless of your political beliefs or which candidates you endorse, I strongly encourage everyone to vote. Our country is at a critical juncture in our history. Your voice needs to be heard at the ballot box.

This concludes the Superintendent's Report for September 2020.