

Community Update from Mr. Hlasko

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Thank goodness for the coming heat wave on Sunday (a high of 30°)! I hope this update finds you doing well and staying warm in the meantime.

It certainly has been a chaotic first week back to school, to say the least. Nonetheless, classroom activities and extracurricular events are back in full swing. Our teachers and students are nearing the end of the first semester and exams are looming on the horizon. Amidst the regular classroom activities our staff has been working to complete goals established by our District Leadership Team including curriculum review and implementation of various teaching strategies to gauge their effectiveness on student learning.

Next week several of our administrators and staff will meet for our annual session with local police, fire, and safety personnel to review our safety plan and ensure we're doing all we can to keep students and staff as safe as possible.

A few final items for your review...we are still looking for a few community members/parents to serve on our high school principal interview committee. Please consider this opportunity to make a direct impact on the educational environment for our 7th-12th grade students. If you have any interest in serving on this committee please contact my office by the end of next week.

Finally, we have received more information from our alert provider regarding any remaining issues with the Ohio Alerts system. It appears they have resolved all internal issues with the system. There remains an issue (again most specifically related to Verizon customers, though it could affect other providers) that they cannot resolve. Verizon specifically limits the number of messages during high volume times to prevent spam-type messages from going through. This is their policy and our provider cannot effect a change in this. To that end, these messages may be delayed up to 30 minutes for these customers. We would, again, urge those affected to consider utilizing other methods to ensure they receive timely information. In the meantime, we will also explore other provider options to see if we can find a cost effective service which might utilize a different solution that is not hindered by cell phone carrier policies.

Stay warm and have a great weekend!