

Greetings! I hope this update finds you doing well. Now that the World Series has, sadly, ended I, like many of you, will be able to get to bed at a reasonable hour again! Enjoy the update below and have a great weekend!

Vote

Don't forget to get out and vote! Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. While your decisions are your own, I encourage you (especially as a former social studies teacher!) to educate yourself on the candidates as much as possible. There are a number of independent, non-partisan websites dedicated to providing you with the facts about each candidate. While every election and every vote is important, I would be remiss in my role as superintendent if I didn't give a special reminder that our area (District 1) faces an open seat on the State Board of Education for which four individuals are running. I hope our community will give consideration to all that has gone on at the state level with education and our encouragement to you to voice your opinion. Even after you vote on Tuesday, please do not relent in your communications to your representatives. Encourage them to make common sense decisions that are best for all of our children!

Kudos

Our FCCLA put together a very impactful Mock Crash event this week. It was a stark and sobering drama for our high school students to watch and, hopefully, begin to understand the full weight of the decisions they make as young drivers. Thank you to all the students and staff who were a part of this! Additionally, a huge thanks to all our community partners who gave so graciously of their time and skills to provide this experience for our students!

Earlier today our FFA provided an amazing "Farmers Appreciation Breakfast" for our area farmers. According to at least one source, Ohio's agricultural industry accounts for more than 11% of Ohio's economic output and about 1 in 7 jobs in Ohio are directly related to agriculture. Moreover, agriculture is especially important in our local communities and if that's not enough to appreciate farmers for, just remember, "If you ate today, thank a farmer!"

Graduation Date Survey

Our board of education and administration have previously discussed potential changes to the graduation date and time. As we consider the calendar for the coming school year and beyond we would love to hear from parents of students in grades 7-11 regarding any potential changes. Please note that no changes have been made (nor do we expect to make any changes) to this year's graduation date (Sunday, May 21). This survey is only intended to better understand and meet the desires of our community for future graduations.

For parents of students in grades 7-11, please use this link to take the survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/sXDqYqJAxGNQEQRn2>