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OFFICE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education
From: Eric Luther
Date: 1/5/2024
Re:

There has been very little news since the last BOE meeting. We did have the Holiday Week Festivities and the Block Party which was a success. There was a lot of participation by all and the kids seemed to have a great time. We also concluded the 15-week Progress Report period. We have seen an increase in the number of students below passing and hopefully the report will be a wake-up call for them. This is mainly the result of kids not submitting assigned work. I have also gone out on a few home visits to address attendance concerns as there is a growing number of kids not coming to school and/or coming in tardy on a daily basis. We sent out a Parent Square to remind parents that school starts at 7:55 a.m. daily because we average 25-30 students daily who are showing up late. This situation is also a factor to the increase in the number of kids not doing well in school.

Lastly, we are preparing for the state testing at the end of January. We will have a simulation CBT experience for the students and staff right after MLK Day and the following week, NYS Regents Exams will be administered. We will not have much that week though as we have only the 11th grade ELA students testing and 1 other student re-taking a math test for a higher grade.

In athletics, both the boys' and girls' teams played games over the holiday break. Both teams played hard and the girls finished break with a 1-1 record beating state-ranked Copenhagen and losing a tough overtime game to St. Lawrence Central. The boys played one game at home beating Beekmantown which is a class A school. We will be finishing up the 2nd half of the season over the next month and getting ready for playoffs in mid-February.

In CSE, I had 1 re-evaluation meeting since the last BOE meeting; no issues with that. I am starting to work on getting ready for annual review season and I will get a schedule out to staff to start assigning meeting dates for this spring.