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OFFICE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education

From: Eric Luther

Date: 2/3/2026

Re:

The end of the 2nd Quarter/1st Semester has occurred, and we just recently started with new schedules for students taking half-year courses. With the end of the 2nd Quarter, we will be checking and verifying averages which will be used to formally determine our Val./Sal. Awards.

The NYS Regents' Exams we held and the kids who tested did fairly well in meeting the passing requirements. We did have several students achieve mastery level (85%+) on these exams. For those who were unsuccessful, we will work on getting them to the passing rate before they test again in June.

We have also nearly completed the January 3-8 CBT Simulation. We have a couple of grade levels left to go through this exercise and so far, we have had no issues with the functioning of the program and assessments.

I have also been working with CF, EK, and HD administrators to create opportunities for various teachers from each of the districts to get together to spend a day(s) working on curriculum/instruction for their respective classes. We will be continuing this practice periodically throughout the spring to help improve instructional practices in each subject/grade level and to generate more appropriate assessment strategies which are more aligned with the increased demands of some of the newer assessments.

Lastly, I am working on putting together a short PD session for our staff based on what we know regarding Portrait of a Graduate. I want to get staff to start thinking about the changes/expectations that will be coming when this initiative is rolled out. My plan will be to work on this during our upcoming March staff development day.

In athletics, the boys' and girls' basketball seasons are nearly complete. Our girls' team is competing for a D West title this week and are looking for a potential #2 seed once sectional play begins. The boys have had a couple of key victories lately and there is potential this could help them earn a first-round home sectional game. A lot will be determined over the next week or so. Senior night for the girls was last week and the boys night is coming up next week and we will miss the great seniors on both teams.

The boys' and girls' bowling teams have nearly completed their season. Senior night was also held last week for our two seniors. It was well attended and the kids did very well against OFA. The teams will also be competing at the Sectional Bowling Championships next week. Best of luck to them at this event!

I have also finalized schedules for baseball and softball seasons. The baseball team will also be traveling to Cooperstown again this spring (May) to compete against Heuvelton to play a league game and visit the Hall of Fame.

I have also included paperwork for a golf merger at CF this spring as there are 3-4 girls who are looking to play golf. This is a merger that we have not had in several years.

In CSE, we have continued to complete annual reviews without any major changes. These will continue over the next 3-4 months until we meet on every student. We also just completed a couple of initial evaluations where one PreK aged student is eligible to receive speech services and a 2nd grader who will now receive support with reading.