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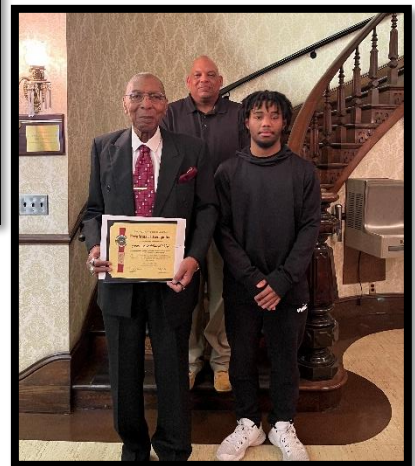
## Superintendent's Report

### The Historical Integration of Schools in Allegany County

- Presentation made by Mr. Dan Whetzel to recognize the graduating class of 1956
- The first integrated graduation of Allegany County Public Schools, ending 170 years of segregated schools in Allegany County.
- Mr. William Peck was one of three integrated students at Fort Hill High School during the 1955-1956 school year.
- Presentation of certificate of recognition from Dr. Sarah Welsh, Assistant Supervisor of Student Services & Equity Coordinator to Mr. William Peck



Pictured left to right: Dr. Sarah Welsh, Mr. William Peck, and Mr. Jeffrey Blank



Pictured left to right: William Peck, his son William Peck, Jr., and grandson Marshall Peck

“As Dr. King said, it’s never too late to do the right thing. All these years have passed, it’s appreciated.”

- Mr. William Peck

# Superintendent's Report

## Proclamation for African American History Month

- On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Crystal Bender presented a proclamation recognizing February as African American History Month to the Allegany Chapter 7007 of the NAACP.
- Proclamation presented to Dr. Sarah Welsh, and Ms. Tifani Fisher, NAACP Chapter 7007 – Allegany County



Pictured left to right: Dr. Sarah Welsh and Tifani Fisher



## Proclamation Recognizing National School Counselor Week

- On behalf of the Board, Dr. David Bohn presented a proclamation recognizing February 6-10, as National School Counselor Week.
- Proclamation presented to Dr. Sarah Welsh on behalf of school counselors.



“Thank you so much on behalf of our school counseling team and our student services group that works so hard. It’s a really fantastic example of dedication to our students, families, and community partners.”

- Dr. Sarah Welsh

# Superintendent's Report

## Proclamation Recognizing Career and Technical Education Month

- On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Tammy Fraley presented a proclamation recognizing February as Career and Technical Education Month.
- Proclamation presented to Mr. Richard King, Principal of the Career and Technical Education Center



“Allegany County Public Schools urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by the Career and Technical Education programs in this community, and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity.”

- Mr. Robert Farrell

“On behalf of the faculty and staff at the Career Center, we proudly accept a proclamation from the Board of Education, recognizing the Career Center during CTE month. I want to thank you all and everybody within this Board of Education building for your continued support of our school and our programs.”

- Mr. Richard King

## Blueprint Update

- The first phase of the plan is due March 15, 2023
- Submission will include historical data that shows the ACPS' current demographics, trends, instructional framework, and allocations of Blueprint funding.
- Pillar 1 – Early Education – Plan to continue to expand access to full-day programs for 3 and 4-year-old children and increase the 3 half day 4-year-old programs to full day programs
- Pillar 2 – High Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders
  - Has met the 10% salary increase and is on course to meet the \$60,000 starting salary for July 1, 2026.
  - Employ strategies to increase the diversity of teaching staff in regards to race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status and provide information and resources to current teachers to help increase the number of National Board-Certified teachers in the system.

## Blueprint Update (con't)

- Pillar 3 – Career and College Readiness
  - Create a 9<sup>th</sup> grade tracker system to measure progress towards on-time graduation
  - Design student support pathways to include individual services, support, instruction, and reassessment to ensure needs are met before graduation
  - Design programs so 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students can earn early college credits and CTE credentials at no cost
  - Design activities for middle and high school students to include career counseling and opportunities to explore college and career activities
- Pillar 4 – Resources to Ensure all Students are Successful
  - Utilize interpreters to complete an interest survey / outreach assessment with English Learner families to find out the support needed and the need for outreach activities
  - Create best practice guide for scheduling of special education and general education
  - Additional Social Emotional Learning coaches and additional school counselor positions
- Pillar 5 – Governance and Accountability
  - Identify teams for each Blueprint Pillar
  - Provide quality control and project management
  - Ensure stakeholder agreement and feedback
  - Ensure timely, quality completion, and monitoring of Blueprint Plan

## Instructional Report

### MCAP Testing Update

- Results of last year's test results
  - Higher than state average in ELA 4, 5, and 8
  - Very close to state average in ELA in other grades
  - Higher than state average in Math 4, 5, 6, and 7
  - Math scores are expected to be lower after virtual learning and take longer to bounce back
  - Higher than state average in Science 5
- Students should get individual reports at the beginning of March

# Financial Report

## Fiscal 2024 State Aid Report

- Allegany County ranks 21<sup>st</sup> in terms of per pupil wealth, so the majority of educational aid still comes from state source. Enrollment numbers can affect per pupil wealth.

## New Business

### Vote to approve Blueprint Report due March 15, 2023

- Approved

### Vote to meet in Executive Session March 14, 2023

- Approved