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The Board Office of Allegany County Public Schools

Superintendent's Report

Introduction of Student Board Member for 24-25

- Eowyn Hansrote
 - Senior at Mountain Ridge High School
 - Planning to major in Horticulture



Security Training Update

- Two day training session conducted by the "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Andy Arnold
 - Attended by ACPS Supervisors, Cumberland Police, Sheriff's Office, Frostburg Police Department, Allegany County Emergency Services, Allegany College of Maryland, and staff from Frederick and Garrett County Schools
 - Training reviewed the SRP, which we adopted last year
 - HOLD
 - SECURE
 - LOCKDOWN
 - EVACUATE
 - SHELTER
 - Training also focused on the importance of planning and preparing for potential incidents
 - Participants took on different roles of the reunification process

"Andy was the best instructor I've come across. I can't say enough about it. Educators and law enforcement built relationships. It was beneficial for everyone, and an eye opening experience for many."

- Anthony Rungay, Assistant Supervisor of Student Support Services and School Safety

"Andy was impressed with our participation, especially the level of involvement with the different groups."

- Jeffrey S. Blank, Superintendent of Schools

Instructional Update

MCAP Testing Updates

- ACPS is above the state level of proficiency in 5 out of 7 tested areas of ELA
- ACPS is above the state level of proficiency in 7 out of 9 tested areas of Math
- Every middle and high school made gains in the Social Studies / Government assessments
- ACPS is 12 out of 24 counties in both ELA and Math
- Science and Social Studies results are still embargoed
- Will be meeting with all the schools, principals, and teachers to analyze data, determine root causes, and create strategies to be implemented
- All student MCAP scores are uploaded onto the students Aspen page and sent home
- AP Class Overview
 - 202 students took one or more tests
 - 340 tests were taken
 - Overall pass rate was 67% (7% increase over last year)
 - 5th straight year that the pass rate has exceeded 50%
 - Exceeded state pass rate in 8 out of the 11 exams

Unfinished Business

Consider Second Reading of Trespassing or Willful Disturbance Policy

- Approved

New Business

Consider First Reading of Homeless Children and Youth Policy

- Approved

Consider First Reading of Student Registered Sex Offenders – Entry on School Property Policy

- Approved

Consider Regulations Review of Student Registered Sex Offenders – Entry on School Property Policy

- Reviewed and made effective

Approve and Authorize Superintendent to Execute Assignment and Assumption of Ground Lease and Estoppel Certificate

- Approved

Next scheduled board meeting is October 15, 2024