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**From the Superintendent’s Desk:**

Linda Van Houten

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**Highlights of Completed Strategic Plan Goals:**

**Academic Achievement:**
- Increased Professional Learning Community time for staff to analyze data
- Established a new school calendar to allow time for collaborative planning for professional staff
- Implemented collaborative grade level and department learning communities
- Implemented a new English Language Arts curriculum
- Provided academic coaches in every building
- Implemented Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports in each building
- Provided new Math materials to staff
- Implemented the Access/Placement of basic skills for all tenth graders
- Implemented the PSAT at SMS and SHS

**Career and College Readiness:**
- Hired K-12 Career Coordinators
- Provided resources for teachers to investigate learning styles
- Provided educational opportunities in the community (Career Fair and Job Fair)
- Provided career self-awareness activities in the classrooms
- Provided a mock interview for every graduate
- Provided financial opportunities for students to seek education beyond high school

**Marketing and Communication:**
- Established District Twitter and Facebook accounts
- Established a new website
- Established an updated District logo and provided branding items
- Established Core Values and posted them in every classroom
- Distributed GPS’s shirts to students during the annual GPS Block Party
- Held community events (GPS Block Party, Career Fair and Job Fair)
- Established a communication every month

**Infrastructure:**
- Passed a $45.4M Bond Proposal
- Implemented guest registration and badging in all student buildings
- Implemented secure entrances in all student buildings
- Implemented several Bond projects – including new safety and security measures
- Implemented a District capital outlay needs list
- Developed a replacement schedule for large equipment

As a result of these accomplishments, it is time to begin thinking about what is next and where our schools should be headed during the next five to ten years. Through the continued input of key communicators, we have decided to stay the course and continue to build upon the progress already made. We will continue to focus on the four main areas and develop new goals within each area that will move us forward in providing a quality education for all students. In order to assure we represent the needs of our students and our community, each focus area will have a separate task force that will review research and best practices for each area. The task force teams will be comprised of community members, staff, students and parents. The teams will be responsible for setting new goals that will provide our students with the skills needed to be responsible citizens in an ever-changing world.

We value your input and invite you to join our efforts to help make important decisions for the future of Greenville Public Schools. If you are interested in participating in a strategic-planning task force, please let me know. We believe our community is a crucial partner in educating students and desire your participation. Looking to the future is exciting, but it can also be challenging. We want students to live by our Core Values of Integrity, Collaboration, Compassion and Responsibility. Greenville Public Schools is committed to “Inspiring Excellence” each and every day and will do what is necessary to make a difference in the lives of our students.

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**BOND UPDATE**

Since the passing of the November 2017 Bond Proposal, Greenville Public Schools has completed several projects. All four elementary school playgrounds have been renovated and are currently being enjoyed by hundreds of children. Several updates have taken place at Satterlee, including new classroom windows and upgrades to restrooms. Technology upgrades have been implemented throughout the district for staff and students, including the implementation of student Chromebooks for all high school students. Safety and security measures continue to be a priority and all buildings with students now have buzz-in entrances. Below is a projected remaining timeline, please note the timeline is tentative and fluid.

**Spring 2019 / Summer 2019 / Fall 2019**

**Elementary Buildings**
- Replace flooring where needed
- Update classroom furniture, fixtures and equipment
- Repair exterior where damaged
- Upgrade plumbing where needed
- Upgrade technology infrastructure in classrooms

**Middle School**
- Renovate cafeteria and food service area
- Renovate office entrance
- Replace flooring where needed
- Renovate classroom/academic areas
- Upgrade technology infrastructure in classrooms

**High School**
- Replace flooring where needed
- Renovate Skilled Trades area
- Create Collaborative Learning areas
- Upgrade technology infrastructure in classrooms
- Upgrade Science areas

**Saterlee**
- Update essential Auditorium equipment (partial)

**2020-2021**

**Elementary Buildings**
- Student Chromebook classroom cart implementation

**Middle School**
- Renovate parent drop-off/pick-up area
- Connect staff parking lot to service drive
- Update classroom furniture, fixtures and equipment

**High School**
- Renovate academic areas
- Upgrade technology infrastructure
- Upgrade technology equipment in classrooms

**Saterlee**
- Update classroom furniture, fixtures and equipment
GHS FALL CONFERENCE
Greenville High School hosted its first ever Senior Fall Conference on Wednesday, October 10th. Business professionals from Spectrum Health, Greenville Tool & Die, LS Engineering, Montcalm Community College, Michigan State University Department of Agriculture and The Right Place conducted a panel discussion about career and training opportunities for students beyond high school. Immediately following the panel discussion, students could choose from a menu of breakout sessions. These sessions included: Resume and Interviewing Tips with Junior Achievement; College 101; Personal Finance with Isabella Bank; Be The Best You - Managing Time and Stress, and a tour of the MCC Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Trailer. The Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce was an integral partner in planning and preparing for this unique event for students. GHS hopes to make this a yearly event for the senior class and to expand our breakout session to include more options and more community partnerships.

As $1800 Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) Grant allowed Greenville Middle School Woodshop Instructor, Chris Wrona, to purchase a new helical head planer for his students. This unit affords them a wider, safer, quieter, and easier to operate unit which is also much cleaner because it is hooked up to a dust collection system.

CHILDREN’S CORNER
A licensed before and after school child care and preschool program that provides a safe, enriching environment for children ages 3-13.
JUNIOR JACKETS: (Preschool Programs) Available at Baldwin Heights & Walnut Hills. OPEN DAILY 8:30am - 3:30pm
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For additional information, including rates and multiple child discounts, please visit our website at www.gpsjackets.org or contact Venus Cox, Program Director at coxv@gpsmi.us 616.225.1000 ext. 8700.

GPS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:
Michelle Blaszczynski
Assistant Superintendent
The State of Michigan uses the M-STEP as a measure of students’ proficiency in third through eighth grades. Greenville Public Schools spring 2018 scores (illustrated in purple) exceed the state average (illustrated in green) in each of these grade levels, both in English Language Arts and Mathematics. This was the fourth year the M-STEP has been given, and a steady, positive trend line for students’ success is evident. Students, staff, and parents are all responsible for this growth across our district, and can be very proud.

Teachers will continue to work with their colleagues in Professional Learning Communities to use daily learning data to drive instruction and customize to individual student’s needs. Instructional Coaches continue to be a resource to help fortify best practices at the classroom level. Curriculum adaptations, such as Benchmark Advance in kindergarten through third grade, allow for complete Balanced Literacy instruction. All of these factors work together to ensure success for students in school and beyond.

VAPING PREVENTION
Michelle Blaszczynski
Assistant Superintendent
Not only is the academic well-being of our students important, but so too is their health and safety. Vaping has been identified as an epidemic across our nation. Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol, often referred to as “vap,” which is produced by an e-cigarette, vape pen, or similar device. At Greenville Public Schools, we take this very seriously, and have implemented a task force of various stakeholders to help promote healthy choices. Students have taken the lead in this task force. For example, in collaboration with professional videographers, our student representatives have scripted, created, and produced a series of four brief videos regarding vaping prevention. These will be shown to all secondary GPS students, and one is for upper elementary parents prior to teacher conferences. In addition, cessation classes provided by United Lifestyles are now part of the in-school suspension consequence as a result of being caught vaping. Finally, increased monitoring of buses, hallways, and locker rooms is taking place across our district.
A grant to pilot devices used to detect vaping is also being explored. Already, these strategies are making a positive difference which will enhance the health and safety of our most valuable resource, your children.

Vaping prevention task force at work during the GPS Block Party!
Technology Bond Update

Laura Pleune
Director of Instructional Technology

Greenville Public Schools continues to move forward with technology improvements as a result of the 2017 Bond. This past summer was very busy with district infrastructure, security improvements, Chromebooks for staff and updates at Satterlee. This fall, students at Greenville High School also received a Chromebook. Here’s what our high school students are saying about their Chromebooks:

- All students have equal access to technology.
- The Chromebooks make classes and school work flow smoothly with everything the same.
- All students have the same advantages.
- The Chromebooks are great. We use them all the time in Honors English 10 and Honors Biology. They are very useful if we need to do projects online and they help save lots of paper. They are very handy for my afterschool activities including Greenville Youth Advisory Council and the Montcalm Youth Wellness Committee.

As we move into winter, we will be rolling out Chromebooks for all Greenville Middle School students. Please look for more information to come from the school soon!

We have spent the last several months planning the next phase for the elementary buildings. This will include additional infrastructure updates, new security cameras, additional security features for the offices and Media Center upgrades. Classroom technology will also be updated, replacing outdated technologies with pieces that will lead to higher student engagement and collaboration. Teachers and students will be able to interact with each other on flat panels, demonstrating and problem-solving together.

As this implementation begins, we are also starting plans for GHS in 2020. This will include upgraded technology for the classrooms, updated infrastructure and the addition of collaborative learning areas. Students can come together as a small group and work on projects. We will also update the student technology for the elementary schools during summer of 2020.

It is a very exciting time for GPS and I thank you for all of your support!

Baby Chicks at Baldwin Heights!

Mike Walsh
Baldwin Heights Principal

The fourth grades at Baldwin Heights started off the school year with an opportunity to raise chickens. The students started with the eggs in an incubator. They monitored embryo development by candling the eggs periodically until the chicks hatched. As the embryos developed, students were able to share their discoveries with kindergarten buddies as well as many of the other students in the building. Students and staff were able to watch the chicks hatch and grow, which provided a lot of excitement and sharing between school and home. The students developed an understanding of valuable life science expectations as they learned the ins and outs of having chickens in the classroom. The chicks will stay with the fourth grade team for a few weeks to continue their growth before they are returned to their farm. Baldwin Heights would like to thank Mike and Linda Malotte for their community partnership in sharing their time and resources (from bringing in the eggs and incubator, to providing food and habitat materials for their coop) to make this opportunity a reality for the students.

Economics & Chromebooks

GHS teacher Mr. Fedder and his second hour Economics students are learning about the stock market and evaluating companies through an interactive stock showcase using Chromebooks and Google Classroom.
November 15-17  HS Musical "OKLAHOMA"
7:30pm
December 4  MS Orchestra Holiday Concert
7:00pm
December 5  Lincoln Heights Elementary Holiday Concert
6:30pm
December 9  MCC Messiah Performance
3:00pm
December 10  MS Band Holiday Concert
6:30pm
December 11  HS Band & Orchestra Holiday Concert
7:30pm
December 12  Early Release for all students / Prof. Development
December 12  GR Symphony "Holiday Pops" Concert
7:30pm
December 13  MS Choir Holiday Concert
7:00pm
December 14  Cedar Crest Elementary Holiday Concert
6:30pm
December 18  Baldwin Heights Elementary Holiday Concert
6:30pm
December 19  Walnut Hills Elementary Holiday Concert
6:30pm
December 20 & 21 Secondary Half Days – Exams
December 21  End of secondary second marking period
January 6-8  New Student Headcounts
January 24  HR/Reserves Meeting
January 28  Early Release for all students
January 29-31  Prof. Development
February 3-4  HS One Act Festival Play
February 7  MS Spring Play
February 10  MS/HS Showcase Choir Concert 7:00pm*
February 14  Village Green 14th Annual Variety Show 7:30pm*
February 16  No School
February 21  End of elementary second trimester
February 22  Odyssey of the Mind Competition
February 23  MS & HS Rockin’ Band & Irish Women & Danish Band Bar - 4pm
February 23  MS/HS Decent Deco Dance Concert
March 7  MS/HS Band/Org/Hall (Festive)
TBA
March 13  Early Release for all students
March 15  End of secondary first marking period
March 20 & 21  30th Annual GHS Music Department College Concert
7:30pm
March 25-29  No School – Spring Break
April 9  Dinner In Concert (w/GPS Elementary Students)
April 10  Early Release for all students
April 14  Yellow Jacket Challenge
2:00pm
April 17  No School
April 25 & 26  MS Spring Play " Phantom Tollbooth"
7:00pm
April 28-30  Wosaic & WAAM Spring Concert
6:30pm
May 1  Lincoln Heights Elementary Spring Concert
6:30pm
May 2  Baldwin Heights Elementary Spring Concert
6:30pm
May 8  Cedar Crest Elementary Spring Concert
6:30pm
May 15  Early Release for all students / Prof. Development
May 20  MS/HS Jazz Band Concert
7:00pm
May 23  MS Choir Spring Concert
7:00pm
May 24  MS Honors Week Assemblies at GHS
5:15pm
May 24  Half Day for all students
May 27  MS Spring Play "Fun Home"
May 29  Early Release for all students
May 30  Commencement at Legacy Field
7:00pm
May 30 & 31  Secondary Half Days – Exams
May 31  Elementary Half Day
May 31  Last Day for all students

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We’re an OK2SAY School!
P: 855-565-2729  Text: 652729  www.mi.gov/ok2say

OK2SAY is a student safety initiative available to Michigan students in grades K-12 that enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff or other school employees.

The program is operated through a partnership between the Department of the Attorney General, Michigan State Police, state agencies, schools, parents, law enforcement, and community leaders.

Anyone can confidentially submit tips 24/7 using the OK2SAY app, online at www.ok2say.com, texting 652729 (OK2SAY), or by calling 855.565.2729.

Ok2say is the provider for our student meal deposits. You will need your student’s information. Click on the link to enter your information. Text alerts will also continue to be sent through Remind 101 from the District.

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November 18, 2018
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GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT 2018
Wednesday December 12, 2018
7:30pm
Greenville Performing Arts Center

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Please visit www.EDUSstuff.org to apply today!
Substitute Teacher - Substitute Paraprofessional - bus Driver - Food Marker

SCHOOL CLOSING & DELAY PROCEDURES
The decision to close school is made cooperatively by the Superintendent and the Director of Transportation. Although not always an easy decision or a popular one, school will remain open if road conditions are safe for bus travel. Parents always have the option of keeping children home if they are concerned about weather conditions. When it is necessary to delay or close school due to inclement weather, the decision will be announced as quickly as possible on the district’s website, Facebook page and the following television and radio stations:

WOOD-TV 8 - WWMT-TV 13 - WZZM-TV 13
WWMT-TV 9 - M-106.3 WGLM
WCGL-FM - WZDC-FM - WOOD-AM/FM

Our 3 Don’t Stop the Music Variety Show
Saturday, January 19, 2019
7:30pm
Greenville Performing Arts Center

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MEET THE YELLOW JACKETS
MONDAY NOVEMBER 26 - 7:30pm
GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NORTH GYM

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