

# District

*Champions for Children*



**Creating A Culturally Responsive High Performing Learning Environment  
Where Students Thrive Academically, Social-Emotionally, And Civically.**

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

- The Math Department has begun Targeted PD #2. This project will run through the first week in March. The focus of this round of PD is to ensure that all K-6 teachers have a deep understanding of unit 3. Topics will include: important topics/areas in the unit, resources, pacing and possible student misconceptions. Lone Pine has agreed to fund all 80 substitutes used for this project. During our last PD session, we served 399 teachers in only 27 (out of 28 schools.) We expect to service more than this amount over the span of the PD.

The Athletic Department is in full swing of the winter season.

- All 3 of our boys basketball teams just competed in the MLK Classic at Webster Bank Arena.
- The Bassick boys basketball team is currently ranked 8th in the state.
- The Bassick girls basketball team is off to one of the best starts in school history with a 7-2 record.
- Middle School Basketball opened the season on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> with 40 teams competing.
- We have been the recipient of a grant from Good Sports, which is helping us with equipment needs in our high school athletic programs, and our PE classes across the city.

Assistant Superintendents for K-12 Instructional Leadership

- Conducting focused school visits to support the implementation of district instructional priorities
- Working with SRO's to develop arrival and dismissal guidelines to include student traffic flow, exit/entrance supervision, and security detail assignments
- Girls Who Code: BPS has received a grant from the Bigelow Family to initiate "Girls Who Code" summer camps. This will afford 100 BPS female students the opportunity participate in a nation-wide nonprofit organization who's mission is to increase the number of women in computer sciences.
- Fairchild Wheeler Campus held its first annual STEAM Expo. The STEAM Expo was a combination of the campus' science fair as well as senior presentations of their culminating Capstone projects. All projects and presentations were judged by science teachers from surrounding schools, university professors, community professionals that work in the science/engineering field, and former graduates of Fairchild Wheeler who had successfully completed their own Capstone projects.
- Each school have a maximum of 12 submission to the district science fair that was held at University of Bridgeport on January 30, 2018.
- Three poster presentations from each school will also be displayed and part of the University of Bridgeport Faculty Research Day on March 23, 2018. Senior Capstone projects will also be presented at science/engineering competitions throughout the state during the spring semester such as Skills21 Expofest, May 18, 2018 at the Oakdale Theater.

<p><b>FACILITIES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCW: Work in progress to repair gray water system. Rain water collects and is stored in tank and pumped to supply water for student bathrooms only. Holding tank is in disrepair, waiting on quote.</li> <li>• JFK: Work continues with HVAC improvements in Multicultural Magnet and High Horizon.</li> <li>• Read: Painting is almost complete in all student bathrooms.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FINANCE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The status of the 2017-18 budget remains precarious, in light of the adverse impact of severe budget reductions in federal and state grants imposed to date and continued uncertainty around the state magnet school and special education excess cost grants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In regard to the state magnet grant, the state has announced that the worst case scenario is a 7.5% reduction. The final reduction, to be announced by April 2018, while likely to be lower, will nonetheless have a negative impact on the district's overall fiscal capacity. A 4% reduction would be equivalent to approximately - <b>\$400,000</b>.</li> <li>• Based on the initial announcement in late January, the state cap on out of district reimbursements has risen from 24.61% in FY17 to 25.48% in FY18, which means that the district incurs a higher percentage of the remaining cost after payment of 4.5 times NCEP for each placement. In March, the state will announce the final FY18 cap, which we hope will remain stable but could potentially rise.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The district also confronts, on a continual basis, recurring risk factors (e.g., special education, utilities, legal services), and through ongoing intensive fiscal oversight, seeks to maintain budgetary balance.</li> <li>• Deficit Prevention Mode continues, as a strategic element of effective fiscal management. This mode encompasses a Hiring Freeze, continuation of stringent position control, intensive review of procurement actions, and rigid enforcement of cost management practices. The goal is to generate monetary savings to help prevent the occurrence of a deficit.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are exploring the feasibility of establishing a District supported platform for TEAM, because of the State budget elimination of funding.</li> <li>• Three critical positions Chief Financial Officer, Executive Director of Special Education, and Principal of Columbus elementary school will be posted during February to begin the search process.</li> <li>• The notification and identification of non-renewal teachers has been completed and review meetings will begin on February 28, 2018.</li> </ul>
<p><b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Technology Services has been performing upgrades to several keys systems to get ready for the final migration of e-mail and files over to our Microsoft Office 365 tenant. These upgrades help to reduce our overall operating costs for technology while increasing our security and ability to manage our data for compliancy initiatives. As the District continues to deploy new Windows-10S devices as the replacement to ChromeBooks we are seeing a significant growth as to what students are able to do with the devices. In coordination with our partnership with Microsoft we are continuing to enhance our services with Microsoft Intune which provides a significantly better management of our very large device fleet. ITS has now successfully completed the inventory of all the District owned computing devices and is in the on-going active process of putting physical asset tags on them. The recent implementation of our new District wireless services has now blocked hundreds of thousands of attacks against our users and has provided a significantly faster and more secure platform at a fraction of what we have been paying in recent years. ITS will be continuing to remove aging and end of life systems and refurbish usable assets wherever possible and recuperate whatever value remains to the benefit of the District. This past week, ITS started the active process of completely refurbishing Discovery Magnet School's entire laptop fleet which had been dormant due to significant hardware and usage issues and has now returned more than 100+ units back to the hands of the students for SBAC testing and immediate usage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NUTRITION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and Nutrition Department</li> <li>• The Nutrition department converted 10 more sites to the Supper program. This leaves 6 sites that will be converted from the snack program to the Supper program in the coming future. The remaining 6 sites are: Johnson, Curiale, Classical Magnet, Classical Annex, Black Rock, and Discovery.</li> <li>• We also changed the look of the school lunch menu this month. We've added nutritional tips to our online menu for students. Take a peek at the following links:</li> <li>• <a href="http://nutrition.bridgeportedu.net/menus/2017-2018/February_2018_Elementary_Menu.pdf">http://nutrition.bridgeportedu.net/menus/2017-2018/February_2018_Elementary_Menu.pdf</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://nutrition.bridgeportedu.net/menus/2017-2018/February_2018_HS_Menu.pdf">http://nutrition.bridgeportedu.net/menus/2017-2018/February_2018_HS_Menu.pdf</a></li> </ul>

<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BLC has implemented their SOARS staff training model at Columbus school in order to support the opening of a grades 3-5 SOARS class, 1/29 – 2/9/18:</li> </ul> <p>1/24 – 1/29:  2 Delta-T paraprofessionals to observe and train at BLC.</p> <p>1/29 – 2/9:  BLC TSF to support Columbus SOAR class (with one Delta – T paraprofessional).</p> <p>1/29 – 2/2:  1 Delta –T paraprofessional to remain at BLC for additional training as a TSF.</p> <p>2/5 – 2/9:  2<sup>nd</sup> Delta – T paraprofessional to return to BLC for additional training as support for SOARS class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsequent visits from BLC staff to support SOARS class will occur at a frequency to be determined by Mr. Scalice at the end of the 2.5 week training period.</li> </ul>
<b>SVA</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Enclosed in packages is a document regarding:  <b>Business, School and Community Partnerships 2016-2017</b></p>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT’S SUMMARY</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.febps.org">www.febps.org</a></p>

School	Date of Visit
Aquaculture	
Barnum	10/04/17
Bassick	10/02/17
Batalla	10/10/17
Beardsley	10/18/17
Black Rock	10/23/17
Blackham	10/24/17
*BLC	09/01/17
BMA	10/17/17
Bryant	11/17/17
Central	10/12/17
CSMA	11/08/17
Claytor	11/03/17

Columbus	09/25/17
Cross	10/06/17
Curiale	11/14/17
Discovery	11/9/17
Dunbar	12/6/17
Edison	12/7/17
FCW: Aero	10/30/17
FCW: IT	12/18/17
FCW: Zoo	11/01/17
Hall	11/27/17
Hallen	11/20/17
Harding	11/20/17
HHM	11/06/07
Hooker	11/29/17

Johnson	12/08/17
Madison	12/12/17
Marin	09/22/17
MCM	11/06/17
PCM	11/8/17
Read	12/15/17
Roosevelt	12/11/17
*Skane	08/31/17
Tisdale	10/27/17
Waltersville	10/04/17
Winthrop	11/30/17
*Detention Center	08/21/17
*University School	10/17/17
Adult Education	

**Students that arrived from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands – Distributed in 11 schools**

School	Quantity
Barnum	5
Bassick	6
Batalla	48
Central	7
Columbus	8
Harding	24
Johnson	1
Marin	76
Roosevelt	5
Tisdale	1
Waltersville	2
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As of 1/16/18