Superintendent’s Reflections

Always look for the next best solution to the next biggest problem. This continues to be my mantra as our team works together to ensure the best programming, by the most prepared staff, every day.

We have committed ourselves to serving children and a community who need us and appreciate the dedication and love we show each day. It is not easy. When serving thirty children and their families, there are multiple perspectives on how things should be handled. Our staff works hard to connect with students and families and to forge relationships that carry them through the difficult conversations. I visited classrooms yesterday and loved seeing our students. I was touched to see teachers and support staff from aides to custodians interacting and encouraging our students.

We recently reviewed data that shows that Center Line is one of 7 out of 21 districts who continue to have greater numbers of students moving into the proficiency range in English Language Arts for grades 3-8 according to M-STEP results. For M-STEP math in grades 3-8, we are one of 12 of the 21 districts showing growth in students scoring in the proficiency range from year to year. In social studies in grades 5, 8 and 11, Center Line students were 1 of 10 of the 21 districts showing continued growth in the number of students moving into the proficiency range on the M-STEP. Finally, the number of students scoring in the proficiency range or above in the SAT put CL with 10 of the 21 districts who showed growth. THIS IS CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION!!!!!!

As our staff members move more and more students into proficiency levels, they also manage many challenging situations with students who need a lot of tender loving care. Support staff wraps around the kids, and our teachers recognize and encourage their progress.

This is the reason we are here. It is what we all want to see happening, and we need to recognize and celebrate our success but never stop working to bring ALL students to grade level proficiency.

Way to go! Great work! Thank you!
The Academies of Center Line High School have brought to light the question, “What is the purpose of high school?” More importantly, the academies have brought many stakeholders together to collaborate on answering that important question.

The Center Line Academy Business Advisory Board, which is comprised of business partners, teachers, parents, students and administrators, began this discussion by identifying skills and dispositions the Center Line diploma should represent. The Health and Human Services and the Industry, Technology, and Innovation academy teams also explored skills necessary for success after high school. These skills were analyzed by the Business Advisory Board for commonalities, and four success skills were chosen to comprise the Center Line graduate profile: communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and leadership.

This past spring, the leadership team developed the following competencies based on the characteristics outlined by the Advisory Board:

**Communication** - I can use various media to effectively communicate in multiple ways with a variety of people.

**Collaboration** - I can work in a diverse group by seeking to understand and contributing thoughtful ideas and resources to achieve a common goal.

**Critical Thinking** - I can draw upon past experiences, consider multiple perspectives, and think creatively when seeking a solution to a problem.

**Leadership** - I can demonstrate strong character, maintain a positive work ethic, and practice reflection and persistence to lead from where I stand.

In August, staff reflected on these four competencies and began identifying key performance indicators for each at their respective level – early elementary, later elementary, middle school, and high school. Communication and collaboration will continue with stakeholders this fall to create a continuum of performance indicators to be utilized across the district to ensure that every student has the knowledge and skills to be successful in life. Together, we will make a difference!

**In the District**

**Recognized for Innovation!**

Center Line Public Schools was recently highlighted in an article by the Mackinaw Center on innovative districts! We pride ourselves on looking for creative ways to serve our students who are not thriving in traditional academic settings. Our goal is to find “a place and a program for every student.”

Students first!
**IBB Presentation**

Shannon McBrady, Donna Chrzanowski, and Ron Howery joined Superintendent Kaltz at the Michigan Association of School Administrators conference last week and gave a presentation on Interest Based Bargaining. They gave a brief version of their presentation at Monday’s Board meeting as well.

**ST Math Challenge**

The following students were recognized at Monday’s Board of Education meeting for completing at least 24 sessions of the ST (Spatial Temporal) Math online personalized program to help strengthen concepts and build number sense over the summer:

- Crothers Elementary - Cruz Santiago
- Peck Elementary - Steven Alkatib
- Roose Elementary - Estevan Mendez, Sami Mohammed

We learn by doing.

Imagine if pilots could receive licenses by only doing bookwork.

What if surgeons performed surgery by only watching instructional videos?

We don’t even license drivers without a road test.

Careers should be the same. In the Center Line Academies, we want students to “try it on.” Last week Mr. Plotzke’s firefighting class got a wet intro to his class. With our fire truck and Mr. Plotzke’s expertise, our students got a first-hand lesson in teamwork. The pressure of your average garden hose tops out around 60psi. The pressure from a fire hose can be as high as 400psi! It takes a team working together to operate it. Teamwork is the lifeblood of firefighting. Even if students do not pursue careers in firefighting, the teamwork skills alone will serve them well throughout their professional and personal lives.

While teamwork keeps firefighters safe, career exploration is the lifeblood of our academies. Students learn about careers the want as well as those they don’t. All are valuable lessons to learn...most experiences, however, don't have the potential to throw you around like a bucking bronco!
Brown Jug Stays at CL!

Panther Football beat Lincoln at the annual Brown Jug contest, the longest continuous trophy game in the state, 26-18. The series is now tied at 36-36. Let’s take the lead next year! Great job, Panthers! Make sure you check out the photos taken by the Macomb Daily!

Fordson HS band director Dan Taylor got to guest conduct! He previously directed band at Lincoln, and his children attend CLPS.

CC on Track

The annual Carl Schoensee Memorial Cross Country Meet took place at the high school last weekend.

Our runners were Gabriel Ohngren, Tamzid Jaigirdar, Samantha Valentine, and Jordan Miyamoto. James Ohngren also ran in the middle school/elementary portion of the meet representing Peck.
Physics in Motion

Mrs. Cook’s physics students designed a lab to create a ticker tape representation of their walking motion. They then compared results to make conclusions about the importance of accurate motion descriptions.

Get Help with Parenting Your Teen

Check out the Parenting Class being offered at Center Line High School this fall. It is open to parents with children ages 13-18 years old! Families will receive a $10 Target gift card upon successful completion. Contact CARE to register at 586-541-CARE or www.careofsem.com.

Congratulations to Jaylen Johnson on being named Player of the Game at last week’s Brown Jug!
Where Everyone Belongs

Where Everyone Belongs (WEB) Leaders met with their 6th grade WEB groups during Warrior Wednesday time. Students participated in icebreaker activities, shared their middle school experiences, and played games. 8th grade WEB Leaders will continue to meet with their WEB groups and will serve as mentors to the 6th graders throughout the school year.

Fan and Pick (Kagan Cooperative Learning) in 6th grade science! Students are reviewing about the digestive system.

Warrior Wednesday @ Wolfe!
Are you a visual, auditory or kinesthetic learner? How do you learn best?

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Wolfe! Online shopping begins October 3rd and ends October 16th. There are books for all ages available online, with free shipping to Wolfe!

All proceeds will be in Scholastic Dollars and be used to purchase more books for the Wolfe library. The fair will be at Wolfe the week of Oct. 8th during school and conferences also.

Go to http://www.scholastic.com/bf/wolfemiddleschool to shop online. You may also visit Scholastic.com and find Wolfe Middle School to shop. The students of Wolfe thank you!

Happy shopping! Tina Judd
Roose Roundup

PD on CD

Jenny Barkac is a conscious discipline coach providing the Roose staff with professional learning opportunities. The staff learned about the brain state model, how connections increase cooperation, and how problem behavior is a form of communication.

Students gathered for a PTC fundraising kickoff assembly. We are connecting their efforts to the direct improvement of our building.

Peck Points

Peck leaders hard at work!

GLOW IN THE DARK/NEON GAME
FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 28TH
Wear Your Favorite Neon Colors!
**ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT**

Crothers, Peck & Roose Elementaries’
Great Skate Night
(29100 Hayes near 12 Mile)

Monday, October 1, 2018
5:30 - 8:00pm

$6.00 per skater - nonskaters free!

Come join the fun and meeting your fellow classmates in the district! Sponsored by Roose PTC.
The Early Childhood Center is pleased to welcome over 100 preschool families to our district. It is going to be an exciting year of exploration and discovery, making new friends, and developing the life skills necessary to become lifelong learners.

Mrs. Krause, Director of the ECC, visits while Mrs. Karam is sharing some puzzle time with her students. In Mrs. Karam’s tuition-based preschool classroom, children are learning about diversity and how to be a school family.

In Mrs. Malaski’s ECSE classroom, Ms. Schyler is enjoying some play time with her students.

Ms. Jordan is working hard to make sure she has everything in order for Roose school-aged childcare (SACC), which is held here at the ECC. Ms. Jordan is a breath of fresh air, and the students love her!

First Five Years

This 5-week program for parents who have children 5 years and under includes basic parenting skills with discipline that really work as well preparing for school success. Book included. Most classes will provide childcare, the Paper People Program for children in childcare, as well as gas cards for those parents who complete the series by receiving a Certificate of Completion at the last session. (Class closed after 2nd night.)

COST: one time fee of $5 per family. Scholarships available. Register at https://www.careofsem.com/classes/parenting-young-children/
The *Week in Review* is published every Friday during the school year.

Submissions are welcome and encouraged; email your pictures and news to Sue Pauling at paulings@clps.org by Thursday noon to guarantee inclusion in that week’s edition.

**Upcoming Events**

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**Mondays October 1 - December 17**

**Senior Citizens Only Swim:** 7:00 to 7:45pm  
**Open Swim:** 7:45 to 8:30pm

**FREE** to community members who live in the Center Line Public Schools district and families of CLPS students.