Superintendent’s Reflections

Our staff cares deeply for our students.

Yesterday, teachers and administrators met to discuss struggles some of our students have. Over and over again I heard staff express their heartbreak for any student who expresses frustration and anger through outbursts and physical action. Many stated that they believe that exclusion further hurts already broken kids, and together we brainstormed different ways these children could be supported in more effective ways.

In recent years the evaluation system for all staff has become much more comprehensive, students have become more vocal, and class sizes have increased. These are just a few of the reasons that teaching has become less desirable for youth as they choose a career path. This is a huge problem as we seek teachers who dedicate themselves to continuously trying different strategies in attempts to connect with every student. That means that staff must consider the needs of 25-30 unique children, some who come to us broken, and plan instruction around not only various learning styles but also individual social/emotional needs.

I appreciate our staff. I thank God for those who put our students, even those who are difficult to work with, before their own needs.

Educating all students is not easy, but the effort can change the future.

Eve Kaltz, Superintendent
Meet Dan Snyder

Mr. Dan Snyder was appointed by the Board of Education to fill the seat vacated by Trustee Gary Shimer on January 20, 2020. Dan will serve in this role through the November 2020 election, where he can run for the seat for the remainder of the term (ending December 31, 2022) or another 4-year seat.

Dan is a long-term resident of Warren and Center Line. He grew up in Warren, graduating from Warren Woods Tower in 1987. In the late 90’s Dan and his family made the choice to move into Center Line for the school district because of the great reception his family received visiting the Early Childhood Center and Miller Elementary at the time, and they have been committed to Center Line Schools ever since. To date he has had two daughters graduate from Center Line High School, and one daughter is a current student. His wife Kelly works as a teacher for Center Line, previously at Miller Elementary and now Crothers Elementary.

Over the past 20 years Dan has served as President for Miller Elementary PTC and the Moms and Dads Club, and as a member of the Center Line Board of Education, the Strategic Planning Team, and the CLPS Education Foundation. Dan has also continued to support the city of Center Line as a member of the Center Line Board of Review and the Center Line Planning Commission. Dan’s working background has included roles in human resource management, store leadership, multi-unit leadership, and training and development, mostly within the retail pharmacy sector.

Welcome (back), Dan!

Kindergarten registration begins next week!

Also, CLPS will be have limited school of choice openings for grades 1-12 (Macomb County residents only) from March 2 through March 31. If you know students who would like to join our CLPS family, share the good news! The application will be available on the website at https://www.clps.org/apps/pages/SchoolofChoice on March 2nd.
Happy New Year! Time for some quick updates on technology happenings around the district.

**Technology Bond Updates**

Our improvement bond projects are in full swing with four currently in-process Request for Proposals (RFPs) related to the new Peck/ECC facility. These four projects include the internal network cabling, external data fiber, building security (cameras and access control), and networking (wireless access points and wired switches). All this equipment is on track for install during the busy summer season.

With all Phase One technology nearly completed, we have kicked-off technology infrastructure discussions for Phase Two, which includes the New Roose facility (at the old ECC/Ladd site), repurposed Academy 21 building (at the old Peck site), and new district server room (as part of building reductions at the Administration building).

Outside of bond work, we should have an RFP out in the near future to refresh our well-aged copier fleet (circa 2012 and older). We have managed to get a long lifecycle out of our 26 district units, but the time has come to refresh. Expect to hear more updates on this project from the business office very soon.

**Refreshers on Recognizing Spam, Phishing Attempts, and Ransomware**

Over the past couple of months, two more districts in Macomb were infected with ransomware, bringing the total up to three in the 2019-2020 school year. Ransomware is a type of malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid. One common type of ransomware encrypts all files on a system, including its network connected drives.

Unfortunately, ransomware is typically self-inflicted and can be avoided if one takes care when dealing with email messages. Spam and phishing messages continue to become more sophisticated. In the three Macomb districts infected, the emails that delivered the ransomware virus looked legitimate and were only off by only a single character. Employees opened and clicked on the attachments, and entire systems were damaged and encrypted. While Center Line has very good backups, it would still take us weeks to undo the potential damage mass encryption of all files would cause. So, please take a moment to review the district’s article on “Phishing Safety” (as first seen in the Week in Review, April 2019), which can be found on the district’s website: [https://www.clps.org/apps/pages/online_safety_tips](https://www.clps.org/apps/pages/online_safety_tips)

**In the District**

**Professional Development**

This week, CLPS secondary social studies teachers collaborated with their south Macomb district colleagues around designing inquiry rich classrooms under the guidance of Social Studies Consultant Sean McBrady from the Macomb Intermediate School District.
Congratulations to the following band students! They performed at the solo and ensemble festival this past Saturday at Rochester High School. Very proud of all the students who participated!

- Alex Connelley, Clarinet Solo - Division I
- Sammy White & Michelle Szewczuk, Trumpet Duet - Division II
- Samantha Bozaan, Flute Solo - Division II
- Miles Penucevski, Percussion Solo - Division II
- Logan Disabatino & Ivy Stefanik, Tuba Duet - Division I
- Christian Sabornido, Baritone Sax Solo - Division II
- Gabe Ohngren, Tenor Sax Solo - Division I
- Jordan Miyamoto, Baritone Solo - Division II
- Peyton Brozowski & Jessie Anders, Clarinet Duet - Division III
- Megan Rolfe, Snare Drum Solo - Division II
- Alissa Maizy, Clarinet Solo - Division II
- Cameron Boyd, Snare Solo - Division III
- Rebecca Hester, Flute Solo - Division II
- Sara Bone, Gabe Ohngren, Christian Sabornido, Lyric Pingilley & Baley Ryniak, Saxophone Quintet - Division I
- Gavin Watters, Trumpet Solo - Division II
- Baley Ryniak, Baritone Sax Solo - Division I
- Samantha Santos & Lamia Graham, Clarinet Duet - Division III
- Jack Kortright, French Horn Solo - Division I
- Also participating: Hannah Haire, Alyvia Lashbrook & Michael Bowers, Percussion Trio

Vega Signs with Madonna

Congratulations to defensive tackle/offensive guard Jacob Vega on receiving an athletic scholarship offer to continue his athletic and academic journey at Madonna University! Center Line now has six football players with offers to continue playing at the next level and to further their education. Well done!

CTE Honors

The 2020 MCTEAA Recognition Awards took place at the Macomb ISD this morning. Center Line had two students honored: Senior Danielle Ellis, nominated by Mr. Dempsey for Firefighting, and junior Makayla Murraine, nominated by Mr. Sheardown for Marketing. Sergeant Woodside of the US Marine Corps was recognized as CLHS’s Business/Industry Partner. Congratulations for well-deserved honors!
Makerspace Receives (Another) Bosch Grant

The Wolfe Makerspace (and Peck Vex program!) applied for a Bosch Grant and once again was selected for funding! Through Bosch’s generous support, Wolfe has extended its STEM program rapidly including Lego robotics, 3d printers, and underwater ROV, reaching 1,400+ students in four years through four introductory robotics classes, advanced robotics, Career Explorer, Additive/Reductive Manufacturing, 3D printing, building and design. Students are learning coding, block programming, basic html, 3d printing, 3d scanning, 3d software manipulation, video capture, video editing, and sound capture leading them to be creative, critical thinkers, collaborative, and better communicators.

Congratulations to Eric Gauthier and Peck Vex applicant Yvonne Beauchaine for their successful application and their continued work on behalf of our students!

About the Bosch Community Fund: The Bosch Community Fund, the U.S.-based foundation for Bosch, has awarded over 20 million in grants to various 501(c)(3) organizations and educational institutions. The BCF focuses primarily on the enrichment of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education and the advancement of environmental sustainability initiatives.

Roose Roundup

We celebrate and welcome our new students into our Roose family. We hold a monthly pizza luncheon for all new students and play games and get to know each other.

Roose students caught in the act of reading!
Some of the pictures from our Great Skate Night this past Monday! Thank you to everyone that came out from Peck, Crothers, and Roose! See more pictures on the Roose PTC Facebook page!

Flag Safeties Jacob T. and Reed M. raise the flag respectfully and properly each morning.

Hall of Fame
Lee H., a 4th grader at Peck, is now in the Hall of Fame for his writing assignment on the book The Jelly Doughnut. Lee says, "We were working on theme to see why and give reasons to prove that is the theme." Lee determined the theme of the book was kindness. After thoroughly completing a pre-writing assignment, he wrote a paragraph using all of these ideas. Friendly suggestion from the principal: Lee should EXPERIENCE the theme by bringing in some jelly doughnuts for everyone at Peck!

Amazing Journey—Blasts from the Past
The theme of Peck’s May 15 Leadership Night is "Our Amazing Journey." The idea is for us to reflect on all the great things that have happened at our Engleman location and to get excited for all the future holds at our new Lorraine location. To that end, we will be sharing a photo a week from old Peck yearbook’s until May 15. This week’s photo from 1976-77 shows that long before Peck was officially a Leader In Me school, students held leadership jobs such as helping in the library.
**Crothers’ Corner**

**Family Game Night**

Crothers’ families took a break from the normal routine and joined other students and their families for an evening of game playing fun! Families played fun and educational games that help kids learn and master critical skills for language arts and math.

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**Spring Fundraiser!**

Proceeds from this sale will go towards a new sign for the front of the school. We would love to make this our ONLY product fundraiser this season, which is possible with your help! You can support the fundraiser by any of the following:

- Purchase items out of the catalog for you and your family. Contact Crothers for a copy!
- Share your fundraiser on social media, by email, or text on www.ShopFund.com.
  2. Click on the green **SHOP NOW** button in the middle of the page.
  3. To order online: Click the blue **NO SCHOOL CODE** button (you do not need a school code).
  4. Enter State, Name of our School, Student Name, and Email (optional). Don’t have a student support? Enter “Matt Provost.”
- Ask neighbors, co-workers, friends & others to purchase and show their support.

Thank you in advance for your participation!
Last Friday, the ECC hosted its 4th Annual Preschool Family Dance at Center Line High School. It was a huge success! With over 300 guests, including students and their families, teachers, support staff, administrators, and a board member, everyone enjoyed a special night filled with fun, music, dancing, treats, and more! DJ Brendan Pfaff kept the dance floor packed the entire night!

Even the 42 high school student volunteers had a great time. This event gave them the opportunity to earn community service hours by running stations such as check-in, photo booth, popcorn, candy bar, beverages, and more! The volunteers were impressed with the decorations, ambiance, DJ, and, of course, the preschoolers’ dance moves! We would like to express our appreciation for all their hard work that evening.

The intention of the Preschool Family Dance is to give families the opportunity to enjoy an evening out with their preschooler, socialize with members of the community, and recognize that, beginning with our youngest learners, Center Line Public Schools is able to offer a strong sense of community. See more pictures on the ECC Facebook page.
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.