SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Graduation
The class of 2020 has dealt with a great deal over the past 10 weeks of their high school career. The unexpected closure of school buildings changed the normal ending for seniors. As high school senior Ian Sherlock related in his speech, while it was disappointing and many had left unfinished goals on the table, we are at the end, and we will look to what is ahead of us. Guest speaker and graduate of Northern Bedford, Reverend Dr. Rick Mearkle, spoke about trials and unexpected events that come your way and that future employers are looking for those that have experienced disappointment, but rolled up their sleeves, and created a positive situation. Congratulations to the class of 2020 and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

Many thanks to Mr. O’Dellick, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Martin, and Miss Picklo for providing the opportunity for graduates to walk across the stage and receive their diploma from their parents. The pictures were then put into a video that was presented on the internet on May 28th at 7:00 PM.

Education
I know we cannot teach every possible morsel of knowledge in the world. But we can ensure our students graduating from NBC will think. That means our students will take information and research, analyze, conclude, develop, implement, and reflect on any issues that come their way. In addition, we continue to support parents by teaching our students to be good citizens. That means helping others, being respectful, understanding the consequences of decisions, staying involved in the community, and remain informed of the issues our local, state, and federal politicians are addressing.

Updates
This year, the maintenance/custodial department has painted both gymnasiums and most of the classrooms in the middle and high school building. They are preparing the HS/MS building for the window/floor tile construction project. This will be a major undertaking for them. Replacing the original 1963 windows and reducing the glass footprint will bring a new look to the building once completed. The HS/MS gymnasium floor has been resurfaced with new lines and logo put down. Between the floor and the walls, it will look like an almost new gym when you come to watch your first athletic event. The district is replacing one large and two small HVAC units on the elementary roof and we are increasing Wi-Fi capabilities in the district buildings. Last year, the building committee’s goal was to have recommendations to the full board with approval of projects ready to go by this summer. With the first phase of construction occurring this summer, they have met that goal.

Budget
The COVID scenario created a major change to the end of the school year. With the requirements to stay home and loss of income, the board has determined to keep taxes at current levels. The COVID situation has created many challenges for the district when developing the budget for next school year. From the initial budget to the current budget, the district had to decrease revenue by $271,425 dollars (not good) and reduce expenditures by $372,153 dollars ultimately reducing the deficit by $100,767 dollars.
The budget process began at $-480,000 dollars with a 2% tax increase, went as high as $-643,000, and currently at $-583,028 dollars with a 0% tax increase. There was a tremendous amount of work invested in the budget by the administration to provide a sound budget for the budget committee to review for input before tentative and final approval of the full board.

Just a reminder that the Pennsylvania General Assembly has still taken no action on cyber school finance reform. Even though the staff of NBC works very hard to ensure that we get the most from the dollars spent for the students without shortchanging their education, cyber school and special education costs continue to increase which may require sacrifice by our own NBC students. Budgeted costs for cyber school tuition and special education tuition for next year are at $451,000 dollars and our deficit budget is at $543,000 dollars. Without those two items, our deficit would have been $92,000 dollars. Please take the time to remain abreast of developments in this area. Failure of the General Assembly to act on cyber school reform may result in either additional taxes or the potential of curtailing programs. In addition, when talking with your state representatives, encourage them to correspond with our federal politicians to re-examine the details of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and how it negatively impacts school districts with little benefit (if any) to children. As you can see with the dollar amounts specific to NBC, our deficit would be significantly lower with appropriate legislation for public boundary schools that would allow for reduction in expenditures.

http://www.reptopper.com/Contact.aspx
Representative Topper
http://www.senatorlangerholc.com/contact/
Senator Langerholc
Senate Education Committee Chairman

I wish all students a great summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Todd Beatty
Superintendent

Accomplishments and Awards

The total number of college credits individually earned ranged from 4 credits to 33 credits. Overall, 427 college credits were earned by the class of 2020.

NBC State FBLA Champions History –
2019 - Abby Mickle, Intro to Business Communication
2018 - Sydney Lingenfelter, Future Business Leader
1998 - Brent Houp, Computer Concepts
1976 - Vance Hart, Accounting

Mr. Black was informed that we would have had 10 national qualifiers in FBLA. We had 13 state place-winners. Here are some results from the State FBLA Conference: Qualified for Nationals and will represent Northern Bedford and Pennsylvania at the virtual conference in June:

2nd Place - Intro to Business Presentation, Aaron Reynolds and Jacob Sensenig
4th Place - Business Financial Plan, Allyson Ritchey and Abby Mickle
4th Place - American Enterprise Project, Sarah Heck, Veronica Griffith, Makayla Hall
4th Place - Emerging Business Issues, Ian Sherlock, Josh Strayer, and Matthew Hall

Our Chapter was among the top in the state in Community Service, led by Abby Mickle who had the fourth most in the state at 664 hours alone!

Many thanks to Ms. Hannah Miller for all of her help with FBLA this year. She spent hours upon hours working with our students on her own time and our success wouldn't have been possible without her guidance and willingness to help make the students at Northern Bedford shine at the State and hopefully National level!

NBC was named a Gold Seal Outstanding Chapter. FBLA creates opportunities for our students that are amazing. Thank you for your support of Northern Bedford FBLA!

From the music department we had the following student success in band:

District Band: Gabby Miller, Lainee Sensenig, Abby Fink, Bailey Koontz, Abby Mickle, Ren Bowman, Cameron Clark, Allyson Ritchey, Jay Reed and Josh Strayer
Region Band: Lainee Sensenig, Bailey Koontz, Abby Mickle, Ren Bowman, Cameron Clark, Allyson Ritchey and Jay Reed
State Band: Lainee Sensenig (also a candidate for nationals - we are waiting on her audition results)

Our student success in chorus competition is as follows:

PMEA Region III Chorus - Bethany Shawley, Grade 11
PMEA District 6 Chorus - Matthew Hall, Grade 10, Gretchen Keith, Grade 12, Bethany Shawley, Grade 11

I want to share with you what a great job the students did making music while they were separated due to the COVID school building closure. It was a lot of work and time, but in the end, a great product and excellent representation of NBC music students. Here is a link to the program that was done individually at home and then combined to sound as one.
https://www.facebook.com/NBCMusicDept/videos/553722135327379

Three of our FFA members will be receiving the Keystone Degree which requires a minimum of 300 hours of recorded FFA activities outside of school, ten chapter level activities, and five activities above the chapter level. The following NBC students have achieved this recognition: Denae Hershberger, Allie Snider, and Alaina Stuckey.

Athletics
Wrestler Colby Imler D5 Champion in the 170 weight class. Ryan Imler (106), Ian Sherlock (138), and Derek Beach (285) all placed 3rd in Districts. All four wrestlers competed in the regional tournament with Ian and Colby earning a trip to the PIAA State Championships in Hershey on March 7th & 8th where they did not place.

The Cross Country D5 Boys team won their second consecutive championship while Ian Zimmerman won his third consecutive individual championship.

School Year 20-21
The administration is developing three different education scenarios for next year. The first scenario is that all students and staff are in the building and instruction is delivered face to face. The second is if we are required to remain at home and have instruction delivered as we did this spring, and the final scenario is a hybrid of the first two where approximately one half of the students would be in the building on any given day. There is a tremendous amount of logistics that must be worked out with the final scenario.

Transportation Update
Effective for the 2020/21 school year daily bus notes will not be accepted. Permanent Bus Transfer Requests will be accepted as well as notes to pick up students at the end of the school day.

Our district is currently in a green phase and will be having school and activities as we had before COVID-19. However, if our district is in a yellow phase, which could be issued by our governor or by our district because of a rise in COVID-19 cases, students may only attend school 2 or 3 days a week. This is why we need all students to have a set schedule to follow no matter the day of the week he/she would attend.

Please refer to our website www.nbcsd.org, transportation department for more detailed information and a link to complete a Permanent Bus Transfer Request.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation at this time of adjustment for our Panther Community.
## Northern Bedford County School District
### 2020-2021 School Calendar

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### Schedule for Make-Up Days
- December 1, 2020
- February 12, 2021
- April 6, 2021
- February 15, 2021
- March 12, 2021
- April 5, 2021

Additional days will be made up at the end of the school year.
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Note: 24 Teacher Days
2020 Graduates of NBC Employees

Isaac Garman
son of Barbra McCauley (Cafeteria Staff)

Phillip Kline
son of Dave Kline (Maintenance Staff)

Caleb Reasy
son of Tammy Reasy (School Board Member)

Ian Sherlock
son of Wayne Sherlock (MS Principal)

Alyx Weidler
daughter of Kelly Weidler (Cafeteria Staff)
NBC Food Service Program

**NBC Emergency Meals for Children**

NBC’s Food Service Program is proud to support families and the community by providing free meals for children during the Coronavirus Crisis. A total of 23,727 breakfast and lunches were provided to our families during the months of March, April, and May.

Meals will now be provided each Tuesday starting in June. Weekly meals will be available for any child age 18 and younger and will have enough food for breakfast and lunch for 5 days. Pickups will be on Tuesdays only from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the NBC High School Cafeteria doors. The last day of pick up will be Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

**Healthy Habits from Home**

At the beginning of this school year, no one expected that we’d hit pause and move all of our learning from school to home... But all across the globe, students and their families have experienced this huge shift. WE want to take a moment to check in. While much is out of our control, there are some healthy checks we can do today, and every day, to support our mental and physical health:

**Are you drinking enough water?**
Start each day with a full water bottle and keep it with you!

**Are you staying active?**
Gather up the family and head outside for a brain break.

**Are you getting enough sleep?**
Set a bedtime and stick to it. Make sure to minimize distractions for an hour before going to bed.

**Looking ahead to 2020-2021 School Year**

We look forward to serving our students next school year. Our meals are offered free or reduced if your family qualifies. We have made it faster and easier to apply online. To get started, visit: [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). This link is also available on the school’s website at [www.nbcsd.org](http://www.nbcsd.org). Please fill out an application to see if your family qualifies.
Presidential Award Winners

Congratulations to students in 5th, 8th and 12th grade that received the Presidential Academic Excellence Award.

**Grade 12**
Sarah Grace Bowser  
Jordan Eve Morral  
Kelsey Grace Over  
Allyson Marlene Ritchey  
Stephanie Michelle Runyon  
Allie Lynea Snider  
Tavian Andrew Walter

**Grade 8**
Elizabeth Berry  
Raeghan Grimes  
Mariah Hall  
Lydia Koontz  
Dani Imler  
Cheryl Martin  
Leah Swanseen

**Grade 5**
Benjamin Cottle  
Ashlyn Martin  
Sarah Mowry  
Clair Oberholtzer  
Benjamin Steele  
Caden Troy

Panther Pride!

Rotary Students of the Month

Front row L-R: Allie Snider, Morgan Robison, Lacey Fleck, Heyleigh Wilkins  
Back row L-R: Matthew Hall, Nick Garner, Ian Sherlock
Maintenance Updates

Upon the unfortunate ending to our 2019/20 school year some very positive building improvements were able to take place ahead of schedule and some jobs were done because it allowed for some improvements during our unexpected time without the student body here.

Beginning April 13th partial maintenance staff returned to work and were able to start prepping the high school gym for painting prior to the gym floor being refinished. The gym walls were cleaned prior to painting, the banners were removed, and scoreboards and bleachers covered before a coat of primer and 2 coats of paint were applied to the gym walls – 30 gallons of paint. May 4th All American Athletics began the gym floor refinish project. This is the first the floor has been sanded down since 1993. The new floor looks amazing! The elementary MPR also received a fresh coat of paint. It has not been repainted since its construction in 1988.

Painting continued in the high school and middle school classrooms that will be receiving new floor tile. These classrooms, as well as the library, were emptied of their contents onto 40 skids, shrink wrapped, and placed in the auxiliary gym for summer storage during window installation, floor abatement, and floor installation.

It has already been a busy 3 months but we look forward to all the planned improvements completed for our Panthers to return to class August 27, 2020.
The elementary gym received a fresh coat of paint as well. The gym still had its original paint and had turned yellowish over the 32 years of use. Three coats of paint consisting of 17 gallon of primer and 40 gallons of semi gloss were applied by the maintenance staff to give the elementary MPR a much brighter look. The pawprints will be painted back on as well.

Pictures Previous Page:
Top left: HS gym floor before refinishing.
Top right: Refinished HS gym floor results.
Bottom left: Refinished key area.
Bottom right: New center emblem on HS gym floor.
Homeless Initiative Information

The Homeless Children’s initiative ensures homeless children and youth a free and appropriate public education on an equal basis with all other children of Pennsylvania. Program objectives and activities are intended to remove barriers to enrollment and educational success, and to ensure that education is as uninterrupted as possible while students are homeless.

If you have any questions please contact our Homeless Liaison:
Mrs. Stacy Pressel, 814-766-4702, spressel@nbcsd.org

Definitions of Homelessness

A child is considered homeless if he or she is living with or without a parent:
• In a homeless or domestic violence shelter
• In a public or private place not designated as regular sleeping accommodation, such as a vehicle, park, hotel or campground
• With relatives or friends due to lack of housing ("doubled up")
• Outside of his or her home as a runaway or because he/she has been forced out of the home
• In a house for unwed mothers with no other options for living accommodations
• In any of the situations listed above as a child of a migrant family
• Homeless children reside in situations that are not fixed, regular or adequate.

Barriers Facing Homeless Children

Homeless children face a variety of legal, social and emotional barriers that may interrupt their education. They include:
• Lack of school supplies and clothing
• Residency and guardianship requirements
• Lapses in program continuity
• Delays in educational evaluations
• Lack of transportation to school
• Missing academic and health records
• Lack of awareness regarding the extent and effects of homelessness
• Inadequate parental resources
• Social stigma attached to homelessness

How Homeless Children’s Initiative Coordinators Can Help

• Assisting with school enrollment and placement
• Providing referrals for clothing, food, shelter, rent, medical services, preschool, housing, advocacy, counseling, etc.
• Coordinating transportation to and from school
• Implementing tutoring and enrichment services in shelters and other settings
• Coordinating support services
• Distributing literature regarding homeless children
• Providing training and in-service related to the McKinney-Vento Act
• Increasing public awareness of homelessness
• Assisting with obtaining school clothing, shoes and supplies for homeless students

How School Personnel Can Help

• School administrators can help by knowing the rights of the homeless and encouraging sensitivity
• Identified Homeless Liaisons can identify and track homeless students, train district staff on Federal and State policies, and contact HCI staff with questions and requests for technical assistance
• Principals can create a welcoming environment for homeless families
• School secretaries can discreetly assist parents with forms and paperwork
• Counselors can refer for needed services
• School Nurses can expedite immunization and health record transfers
• Transportation staff can arrange for children to attend their school of origin
Summer Facilities Schedule

The Elementary, Middle School and High School Offices will operate on a summer hour schedule from 7:00AM to 2:00PM. The District Office will be open from 7:30AM to 3:30PM daily. All offices will be closed Friday, July 3, 2020 in observance of Independence Day.

Upcoming School Events

July 28 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Senior Portraits
August 24, 25, 26 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Teacher In-Service
August 27. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . First Day for Students
August 28. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1st Varsity Football Game (NBC vs. Southern Huntingdon at S.H. 7:00PM)

September 7. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No School (Labor Day)
October 2 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Homecoming; NBC vs. Everett
October 12 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No School (Columbus Day)
November 11. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No School (Veteran’s Day)
November 24. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2-Hour Early Dismissal/PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 25 . . . . . No School (AM-Parent Teacher Conferences)
November 26, 27 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .No School (Thanksgiving)
November 30 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No School (Buck Season)
December 1 . . . . . . . . No School (Deer Season) (Make-Up Day #1)
December 23 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2-Hour Early Dismissal
December 24-January 1 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Christmas Break

School Board Meetings

The Northern Bedford County Board of School Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month in Room 136 of the Middle/Senior High School in Loysburg, PA, at 6:00 PM unless otherwise advertised.