

# Southeast Delco School District

## *Board & Community Update*

### *New Board Member Appointed*

At the regular board business meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, the Southeast Delco Board of School Directors appointed Ms. Tanya Cavalieri to fill a vacancy on the board created by the resignation of Ms. Lucy Lopez. Ms. Cavalieri resides in Sharon Hill and is a Senior Instructional Designer at Penn Medicine.

The board and administration welcome Ms. Cavalieri and are grateful for her willingness to serve the community and to assume the important responsibilities as a member of the Southeast Delco Board of School Directors.

### *Options Support Success*

Southeast Delco School District runs a number of non-traditional educational programs designed to help all students succeed on their path towards graduation. These programs include our cyber school, the independent study program, and our alternative education program.



Our cyber program currently enrolls approximately 65 students who take many or all of their classes online. This online work can be done either in a classroom or at home, with parents being able to choose the option that fits their child's needs. The independent study program supports students, usually seniors, who only need a few credits to graduate or are working through truancy issues. These students attend the program

between two and five days a week, again based upon their need, to complete their credits. The district's alternative program benefits students who have shown difficulty acclimating to the expectations of our regular programs.

All of these programs have dedicated teaching staff working to ensure the success of the students. Entry into any of the district's non-traditional programs requires a number of administrative reviews before acceptance and enrollment.

### *Preparing To Move Up*

In anticipation of their transition to high school, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking a field trip to Academy Park High School in January. Eighth graders from Harris and Sharon Hill Schools will visit on the afternoon of January 20<sup>th</sup>, and those from Delcroft and Darby Township Schools will visit on the afternoon of January 21<sup>st</sup>.



This event will provide our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students an opportunity to become familiar with the layout of Academy Park, to meet high school students who will be assisting with tours as well as teachers they will be able to recognize next year, and to learn about exciting activities and sports in which they will be able to participate.

In addition to a tour of the building, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will experience lunch in the cafeteria, enjoy some games in the gymnasium, conduct a science experiment or participate in a technology activity, and attend an assembly.

The district recognizes the importance of supporting our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they prepare to leave the comfort of a grades 1-8 environment to which they are accustomed in order to move on to the next phase of their educational experience.

### *Energy Conservation*

The maintenance department is committed to continually monitor and address energy related issues. Over the past fifteen years, Southeast Delco School District has been able to implement several heating, ventilation, and air conditioning initiatives and upgrades, as well as major changes to building lighting. The district's determination to promote conservation, coupled with the routine maintenance activities of monitoring and maintaining all energy usage equipment, will provide significant savings. These savings can promote opportunities for integrating advanced technologies furthering energy conservation into the future.



### *Snow Removal*

The maintenance, grounds, and custodial department is gearing up for winter weather conditions. All equipment has been checked and made ready for immediate use. Staff members provide snow removal services for approximately 4 miles of sidewalk and several hundred feet of auxiliary walkways and play areas.

Several contractors participated in the bidding process to provide snow removal services for all district parking lots. The winning contractor was selected based upon their ability to ensure clear and safe passage to our buildings, maintain significant equipment and man power necessary to respond in a timely fashion, and of course, cost. The contract was awarded to the lowest cost, responsible bidder.

### *Future Board Meetings*

Committee of the Whole / Preliminary Budget Review	Thursday, January 21, 2016	6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting	Wednesday, January 27, 2016	7:00 PM
Committee of the Whole	Thursday, February 18, 2016	6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, February 25, 2016	7:00 PM

## *School Events*

- First Semester Final Exams – Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - APHS
- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period / 1<sup>st</sup> Semester – Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- My Guy’s Hoops Basketball – Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – APHS
- Academy Park High School Talent Show – Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM
- ***Early Dismissal – District-wide – Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – APHS - 11 AM / Grades K – 8 - 12:45 PM***
- APHS Back to School Open House – Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 6 PM
- APHS Winter Dance – Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM
- ***Teacher In-service – District-wide – No School for Students – Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Presidents’ Day Holiday – No School for Students or Staff – Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>***
- Progress Reports Issued – Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>
- APHS “What’s Your Passion Festival” – Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>
- ***Teacher In-service – District-wide – No School for Students – Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>***
- District Band and Choir Concert – Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM – APHS
- County-wide Scripps Spelling Bee – Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – 8 AM – Neumann University
- Frosh Dance – Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM - APHS
- ***Spring Break – No School for Students or Staff – Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>***