

# Southeast Delco School District

## *Board & Community Update*

### *Board Committees*

To better inform board and community members and to provide a venue for input focused on specific areas of district operations, board special committees will be established. Board members and district administrators will form the committees in the areas of building and property, finance, education / curriculum, personnel, and safety / security.

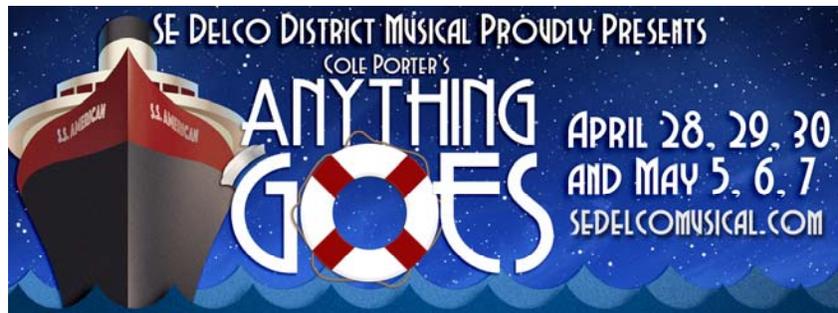


Meetings will be held in May, June and August. Each committee will have a chairperson, who in collaboration with the superintendent, will establish an agenda for each meeting, prepare minutes and report to the whole board at the monthly board business meeting. Meeting dates will be posted on the district website and television station and will be open to the public.

Please click to review the [Board Operations Guide \(BOG\)](#) that is included in official board policy and will govern special committee meeting activities.

### *Coming to a High School Near You – Academy Park*

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southeast Delco District Musical presents *Cole Porter's Anything Goes* at the Agnes Patterson Auditorium at Academy Park High School.



Show dates are Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Two matinees are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. District employees are entitled to one free ticket and additional tickets can be purchased for \$8 for adults and \$6 for children age 2 – 18 and senior citizens 65 and older. Tickets are available online at [www.sedelcomusical.com](http://www.sedelcomusical.com).

Please come out and support these talented, hard-working students with your presence and your applause.

## ***2017 / 2018 School Year Kindergarten Registration***

Kindergarten registration and testing appointments are currently being scheduled for children who are 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017, and reside in the Southeast Delco School District. Early



kindergarten registration applications will be accepted for the 2016 / 2017 school year at the Kindergarten Center at 1 School Lane in Glenolden on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents can schedule an appointment by calling the Kindergarten Center at 610-522-4365, extension 7230.

Registration packets are available at the Kindergarten Center, all four district elementary schools, and the Southeast Delco Education Services Center at 1560 Delmar Drive in Folcroft.

Completed registration packets and all required documents must be submitted at the registration appointment. School locations and a printable list of registration requirements are available on the district website at [www.sedelco.org](http://www.sedelco.org).

## ***Enrollment in District Schools***

The Southeast Delco School District Office of the Registrar continuously enrolls new students and verifies the enrollment of current students throughout the school year. The district registrar, Maggie Contrisciani, works to ensure that only students who reside in the four municipalities of the district attend district schools. She is aided in this work by a few key members of the central administration team, including Eileen Bissonette, Joan Galloway, Eileen Young, in addition to the district's truancy officer- Dana McBride. The entire registration and re-registration processes are designed to ensure that district resources are utilized by families residing within district boundaries.

Board policy requires that when a student moves, the district must be notified. Students who move within district boundaries may choose to remain in their school of origin until the end of the school year; however, they must provide their own transportation. Students who move outside of district boundaries must disenroll from their Southeast Delco School District and enroll in their new district of residence. An exception to this policy can be made for high school students in grade twelve who are in their second semester of their senior year.

Students who may be eligible for extended provisions under the McKinney-Vento Act should notify the office of the registrar or their school guidance counselor if they have questions about residency. For more information, please contact your child's school or visit the district website at [www.sedelco.org](http://www.sedelco.org).

## ***Human Resources***

At the present, Southeast Delco will have approximately five projected vacancies resulting from anticipated retirements. We also have two projected vacancies due to resignation. In an effort to combat an ever shrinking market place for highly qualified educators, the human resources office has developed relationships with colleges and universities, both in and outside of our region.

We have participated in a host of regional and college specific job fairs up and down the east coast. This also provided us with access to students at multiple historically black colleges & universities.

Some of the colleges we had access to include Hampton University; Norfolk State College; University of Maryland, Eastern Shore; Old Dominion University; Virginia State University; College of William & Mary; Delaware State University; University of Delaware; University of Pennsylvania; and Temple University to name a few. We also attended regional job fairs like the Greater Philadelphia Expo at the Oaks Center, as well as several events hosted by local Intermediate Units.

We hope that our time and efforts will be rewarded in our ability to encourage young teachers to embark upon a rewarding career here in the Southeast Delco School District.

All of our vacant positions are regularly posted on our school districts official website, TalentED, PAREAP, Facebook, and other social media outlets.

### *Reading Olympics*

Reading Olympics is an annual, county-wide event that encourages students to read for pleasure, learn the value of teamwork, and provides an opportunity for them to compete against their peers in a literary-based contest.



Participating teams receive a list of 45 books from a variety of genres and authors. Team members read several books from the list and compile an accurate summary and analysis of each book. Students share their knowledge with their peers to ensure that the whole team is familiar with each of the assigned books. With such a large number of possible questions, the successful team is one who works together to increase the knowledge of the whole group through their individual reading efforts! All participating teams are recognized for their successes and additional ribbons are given for high scores.



**Darby Township School Team**



**Sharon Hill School Team**

Southeast Delco had five teams representing our elementary schools. The teams from Darby Township, Delcroft, and Harris earned a white ribbon, the Reading Olympics' equivalent of third place. Sharon Hill's elementary team earned a blue ribbon, a first place award! Two middle school teams also represented Southeast Delco at the competition. Sharon Hill's middle school team earned a red ribbon, the second place award, and Delcroft's team earned a white ribbon.

Congratulations to all student competitors and their teachers for such a successful event!

## *Special Education Plan*

Southeast Delco School District state special education plan will be due in May 2018. However, there are three sections of the special education plan that will be updated this year. The first section to be updated is the District Assurances section of the plan. This section provides stakeholders with information about the number and types of special education programs in the district. Also, this section indicates what special education services are being provided to students in schools outside of our district. These facilities are mostly approved special education private schools and include but are not limited to Devereux, Elwyn, Martin Luther, and Wordsworth Academy schools.



**Learning Knows No Bounds**

The program profile section of the plan is where the district highlights the programs we provide in our district schools. These programs include learning support, emotional support, autistic support, life skills support, speech and language support, and deaf and hearing impaired support. The Special Education Support Services section of the plan is where the district highlights the services such as speech and language support, audiological support, social worker support, school psychology and counseling.

The final section of the plan is the contracted services section. In this section we list Austill's, our provider for occupational and physical therapy, and Holcombe Behavioral Health, who provide our counseling services for the emotional support program at Darby Township Schools.

## *Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA)*

Students in grades 3 through 8 are currently sitting for the 2016 / 2017 school year PSSA. The English Language Arts assessment began on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and concluded on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Mathematics PSSA will be administered on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and testing will conclude after Science assessments of students in grades 4 and 8 on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the state “adopted more rigorous PA Core Standards in late 2013 and the 2015 PSSA marked the first time the assessment was fully-aligned to the standards. These new, more rigorous standards aim to better prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century work force”.

We wish all students good luck as they have worked extremely hard preparing for this yearly assessment.

## *Energy Conservation = Reduced Costs*

Southeast Delco is committed to energy conservation and has initiated various strategies in an effort to decrease the district's energy consumption, reduce and control energy costs, aid in the prevention of carbon emissions, and comply with environmental regulations.

Recent efforts have been directed toward the use of natural gas as a primary fuel for district heating systems. Natural gas burns much cleaner than fuel oil and introduces fewer pollutants into the atmosphere.

Our heating, air conditioning, ventilation, and lighting systems are all controlled through a building management system that allows for scheduling occupied and unoccupied times, along with timed or occupancy sensor operated lighting systems. These controls dramatically reduce the use of our comfort resources such as natural gas and electricity; providing the ability to control wasted energy and excessive cost.

During the 2015 / 2016 school year, our efforts yielded a substantial reduction in the districts Peak Load Contribution (PLC). This is the measurement used by electrical generation companies that identifies the amount of energy used in Kilowatts. Reduction of PLC translates into a reduction in the cost rate applied by the energy companies, in the district’s case, PECO’s cost to the district per kilowatt hour. This rate is then applied to the next year’s energy usage.

Southeast Delco’s energy conservation efforts are a priority of the maintenance department. All efforts in this matter will continue to be focused in the direction of energy usage and cost control.

### *Future Board Meetings*

Committee of the Whole	Thursday, April 20, 2017	6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, April 27, 2017	7:00 PM
Committee of the Whole	Thursday, May 18, 2017	6:00 PM
Board Business Meeting	Thursday, May 25, 2017	7:00 PM

### *School Events*

- **Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12:45 PM**
- Parent / Teacher Conferences – Grades K – 8 – Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Early Dismissal – Grades K – 8 – Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – 12:45 PM**
- **Spring Break – No School for Students or Staff – Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**
- Parent / Teacher Night Conferences – Grades 9 – 12 – Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - 6 PM
- Junior Prom – Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 7 PM - The Oaks Ballroom
- PSSA – Math – Grades 3 – 8 – Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Early Kindergarten Registration – Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Center
- PSSA – Science – Grades 4 and 8 – Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Early Dismissal – District-wide – Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – APHS – 11 AM / Grades K – 8 – 12:45 PM**
- Progress Notices Issued – Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Prom – Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Citizen’s Bank Park



- ***Snow Makeup Day, Regular Day of School for Students – Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>***
- Keystone Exams – Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup> – Academy Park High School
- ***Memorial Day Holiday – No School for Students & Staff – Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>***
- Senior Awards – Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM - APHS
- Senior Final Exams – Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Senior Class Day – Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- APHS Talent Show – Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7 PM
- Graduation – Wednesday – June 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – Neumann University, Aston, PA
- APHS Underclassmen Final Exams – Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>
- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester / 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period – Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>
- Last Day of School for Students– Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>
- ***Teacher In-service - No School for Students – Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>***

### ***District Musical***

- District Musical – Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM – APHS
- District Musical – Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM – APHS
- District Musical – Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – 2 PM – APHS
- District Musical – Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM – APHS
- District Musical – Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM – APHS
- District Musical – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 2 PM – APHS



### ***Spring Concerts***

- Harris School Spring Concert and Art Show – Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM
- Delcroft School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM @ APHS
- Academy Park High School Knight of the Arts – Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM
- Sharon Hill School Spring Concert – Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 PM @ APHS
- Darby Township School Spring Concert – Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM @ APHS