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Superintendent's Report

Band Competition Winners

- Fort Hill High School
 - Created a show entitled "I Wish"
 - Won first place in group 4 A with a score of 92.63 in the Tournament of Bands Competitive Circuit
 - Swept major categories:
 - Best music
 - Best visual
 - Best guard
 - Best percussion
 - Alexia Shilling – was awarded \$2500 Tournament of Bands Senior Scholarship
- Allegany High School
 - Competed in the "Open Class"
 - Made state history by winning the event for the fourth consecutive year with a score of 95.7
 - Competed with a show entitled "Both Sides"
 - Best visual
 - Best guard

"All three of our bands had exceptional sets and I was proud to see their halftime and competition sets. I'm always blown away when I see them. When you consider how difficult it is to be able to get a marching band to compete with artistry, visuals, and musicality and achieve scores like they did, it's exceptional."

- Jeffrey Avey, *Assistant Supervisor of Fine Arts*



Pictured left to right, first row: Kiera Lindsay, Skyleer Donaldson, Dr. Joe Thompson. Second row: Henry Crawford, Charlotte Crawford, Gunner Wilson



Pictured left to right, first row: Ilah Boord, Ivie Boord, Mr. Ken Pfromm. Second row: Bryce Bridges, Ani Morehead. Third row: Jeff Redman, Elians Trexler. Top row: Travis Wilson

Superintendent's Report (cont.)

Transportation – Inclement Weather Procedures

- On days where inclement weather is possible, three transportation staff members check weather and road conditions
 - Check southern, eastern, and western parts of the county
 - Monitors weather conditions, road service conditions, road temperatures, and air temperatures and reports conditions to the supervisor.
 - Supervisor gathers information and checks weather forecasts on various media and internet sites, monitors radar for current and forecasts for later in the day.
 - Transportation office contacts County roads, ACPS Operations, local school bus contractors, and nearby counties.
- Time frame for delays and cancellations
 - A decision to delay or close school is pushed out to the public by 5:15am.
 - Information sent by messenger call, text, email, Facebook, and ACPS website
 - If a 2-hour delay is called, conditions will be re-evaluated and if conditions call for a closure, the decision is made by 7 am.
 - If a 3-hour delay is called, conditions will be re-evaluated and if conditions call for a closure, the decision is made by 8 am.
 - Early dismissal decision due to weather will need to be made by 11 am.
- Do not have a bare road policy. Buses may travel on snow-covered roads to some extent. Bus drivers are instructed to pull off the road in a safe area and radio the office if they encounter roads that are difficult to travel.
- Cold temperature and wind chill policy
 - Of the ambient air temperature is a sustained zero or below, of the wind-chill is a sustained 15 or below, schools may be delayed or closed, depending on the projected forecast for that day.

Lockdown Updates

- Staff and students have been educated and have participated in the five emergency responses
- Materials have been placed in the schools, on the website, and also given to schools to be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year
- Currently working on a reference guide to be given to all ACPS administrators
 - Guide will provide valuable information on each emergency response, in detail
 - Guide will also provide sufficient information to refresh school faculty members at the beginning of each school year

Superintendent's Report (cont.)

Present Proclamation for Recognition of American Education Week: November 18-22, 2024 and November 20, 2024 as Educational Support Professionals Day

- Presented by Tammy Fraley to Stewart Monroe, Jr.

“Congratulations on being named ACEA Support Professional of the Year.”

- Jeffrey S. Blank, *Superintendent of Schools*

“I’ve been in the system for 28 years and I do it because I love the kids. I’m thrilled to be here and accept this award.”

- Stewart Monroe, Jr.



Hearing of Constituents

History of Outdoor School Presentation

- Presentation given by Mr. “Champ” Zumbrun, Allegany County Outdoor School Instructor

New Business

Consider First Reading of Registered Sex Offenders Policy

- Approved