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*Lewiston - Altura Schools: Building A Caring, Adaptable, Respectful, Determined, Successful Community*

**Superintendent's Report to the School Board**  
*Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Carman*  
*May 8, 2023*

### Meeting Agenda Item Notes

**Dutchman's Crossing Drive** The road that provides access to the parking lot behind the high school is equally owned by the City of Lewiston and Utica Township. (The border goes down the middle of the road.) Utica Township representative Mark Daley is on the agenda to discuss the road's need for repairs and a cost estimate they have received.

**Purchase Agreement for Sale of Altura School and Property** The Agenda includes a resolution to approve a Purchase Agreement to see the Altura School and Property to the City of Altura. The sale includes the equipment in the kitchen. A final closing date will be determined shortly but likely early/mid July. This is a significant milestone for the district.

**Personnel Notes** We have completed the necessary job postings and am pleased to recommend the rehires of teachers Zachary Vix, Schad Priem and Amanda Flesch to our staff in 2023-2024. Also on the Consent Agenda is the resignation of Mandy Rupperecht who has had a part-time music position at the Intermediate School. We are making the necessary adjustments to fill her position internally. Mr. Hamilton will teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade music.

I am sorry to have Kara Prosen leave our Business Office. The challenges of limited childcare for toddlers in our community is impacting us an employer. Kara has been a great asset since she started in June 2022. I will keep you informed as we identify plans to fulfill the responsibilities of our office.

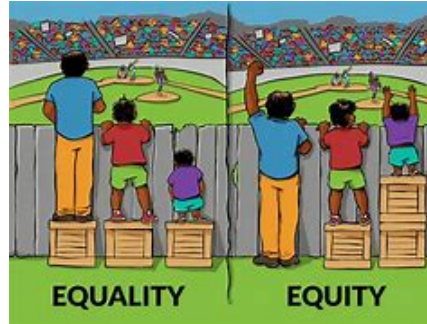
We also have 3 staff who have notified us of their retirements who have significant numbers of years with the district. We thank each of them for all that they have done for our students and school district and we wish them the best! Thank you Linda Pierce (paraprofessional, 32 years); Sue Kieffer (bus driver, 30 years), Dale Marxhausen (bus driver, 20 years).

**High School Student Handbook Modification:** Dr. Hanson is requesting modifications to the 2022-2023 Student Handbook to reflect necessary changes to address situations when PSEO courses are dropped by students after the start of a semester or quarter. These changes will provide clarity and consistency on transcripts and the impact of dropped PSEO classes on high school transcripts/grade point averages.

### OTHER UPDATES

**Community Survey Results** As you know, the survey closes on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Special Meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with InGensa to hear and discuss the results.

**Strategic Planning/Action Planning** Bree, Dave, Cory and I are meeting with Jeff and Terry on May 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss/finalize action steps for our Strategic Planning goals' implementation.



A reminder of the importance of considering equity in the work we do:  
Every student deserves our best and what s/he needs to achieve.