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Principal's Report

Hidden Valley High School

Celebration/Nuts/Bolts-

We have started a Lunch Bunch volunteer program here at Hidden Valley where community volunteers will be having lunch with our students on Fridays. The premise of this opportunity is that we have people that can share their story of success. Murray Banks, a great speaker tells us that we need to invite people into our school and let their life leak out. Lunch Bunch is an attempt to do just this. Currently, we have nearly 20 volunteers and looking to add more. Many of our mid-year goal review meetings have happened. These conversations about students and learning have been exceptional from the standpoint that we truly are problem solving together... kid by kid☺. Our WIT (whatever it takes) initiative here at Hidden Valley is in full swing with six administrators and counselors meeting with 180 students and their parent(s) that are failing multiple classes. This effort is an attempt to clearly communicate student progress and a path for success where all parties hold the student accountable for effort and actions. These meetings have been extremely powerful as parents are very grateful that we are attempting to track students like we have never done before while communicating hurdles and successes. I attended the Breakthrough Coaching workshop and learned a great deal on organization within the school office and our school. I am working on several of the ideals that were presented during this workshop. Currently, I am in classes for 8 hours a day two days a week. The idea is to be present and take my work of the school out to where the work needs to be. I will keep you up to date how this is going.

- FBLA Regionals will be hosted at GPHS on Feb 7th. We have many students attending this competition in an effort to repeat once again as the State Champs!
- Winter sports are going well with district tournaments and league competitions will be drawing to a close in the next few weeks.
- The weather has not been very cooperative in regards to completing our baseball field. Currently, we are still on track to have it completed by the first part of March.
- As I am sure you know, we had an unfortunate incident where one of our students committed suicide. Needless to say, it was a difficult week using resources from the valley to help with students and staff grieving. Our school community has responded appropriately and systems are in place to help with such an event considering the wave of things that need to be dealt with during such difficult times.