

Board Report Hidden Valley High School

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Dear Board members,

As the second trimester ends, it is beginning to dawn on our students, staff, and parents that Three Rivers School District is in a serious situation as we attempt to educate our kids. The undertone of almost every day is the uncertainty of our near future and genuine concern for the long term health and well-being of our school. It is noteworthy that many of our classified employees work faithfully to uplift our kids and make sure that they are well cared for, valued and served to the best our staff can provide. Many teachers have adapted curriculum and course goals to make sure that the heart of the instruction is the focus of every day in class. Overall, the second trimester of classes was meaningful and productive.

We had many positive contributions of above and beyond work at our school. Travis Osborne, our new dean has taken on the task of intervening with our attendance issues. He has done an excellent job of meeting the students and families that do not attend regularly and he has seen improvements in their attendance. He has made a seamless change for the better in the handling of student discipline at our school. Our AD, Mike Schaefer, has done excellent work in continuing the reshaping and improvement of our counseling services. He work long hours to see that every aspect of our school runs well. Chris Pendleton again did an exceptional job with our Senior Forum classes, hosting a night of senior presentations of more than 90 students before panels of community business members. Sandra Wright and Loralyn Townes continued to make the Freshman Forum a viable and essential introduction into high school. In the face of 4 senior injuries, Matt Kennedy provided a caring season of basketball coaching for our girls. Our new basketball coach, Jeff Huston began his career at Hidden Valley by making sure that our lower level kids (freshmen and JV) were given a strong development year. His focus on personal character and team work had a strong influence on our kids. Another volunteer coach, Matt Mettler, supported by Jason DeForest and Stu Burgess, did an excellent job of working with out wrestlers.

Now that our teacher contract and calendar are in place for the remainder of the year, our focus is on getting high numbers of our kids to meet standards in language arts, math, and science. Jason DeForest is rapidly becoming a master teacher with his use of the Smart Board. It has also been inspirational to see the work that Gary Lathen has done to improve his delivery of instruction in Geometry, Algebra II and Pre Calculus.

Respectfully submitted

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