Workshop Agenda - Elizabethtown Area Board of School Directors

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 6:00 PM
Middle School Auditorium, 600 E. High Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

1.	**EXECUTIVE SESSION**	
1.A.	Board Executive Session will be held at 5:00 p.m.	
2.	**OPENING ITEMS**	
2.A.	Call to Order	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Kelly Carter, School Board President
2.B.	Pledge of Allegiance	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Kelly Carter, School Board President
2.C.	Moment of Silence	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Kelly Carter, School Board President
2.D.	Roll Call	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Becky Maxwell, Board Secretary
2.E.	Approval of Agenda	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Kelly Carter, School Board President
2.F.	Student Celebration Recognition	**Speaker(s):** Ms. Megan Moffett, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
2.G.	Student Participation	**Speaker(s):** Ms. Megan Moffett, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
2.H.	Board President Remarks	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Kelly Carter, School Board President
2.I.	District Announcements	**Speaker(s):** Dr. Walter Smith, Director of Pupil Services
2.J.	Superintendent Announcements	**Speaker(s):** Mr. Tom Strickler, Superintendent
3.	**FACILITIES COMMITTEE ITEMS**	
3.A.	Elizabethtown Area Water Authority Potential Easement	**Speaker(s):** Mr. James Gilles, Facilities Chairperson
3.B.	Steering Committee Update	**Speaker(s):** Mr. James Gilles, Facilities Chairperson
3.C.	Building Project Engineers Meeting	
4.	**FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS**	

4.A.	Finance Presentation	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Liza Bazarian, Finance Chairperson
4.B.	Acceptance of Donation	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Liza Bazarian, Finance Chairperson
4.C.	Adult Cafeteria Price Increases	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Liza Bazarian, Finance Chairperson
5.	**EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE ITEMS**	
5.A.	Middle School Scheduling Update	**Speaker(s):** Ms. Megan Moffett, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
6.	**OUTSIDE PARTNERSHIPS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT**	
6.A.	Committee Reports and/or Updates Impacting Elizabethtown Area School District	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Kelly Carter, School Board President
7.	**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS**	
7.A.	Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items	
8.	**CLOSING ITEMS**	
8.A.	Announcement of Executive Session	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Kelly Carter, School Board President
8.B.	Adjournment	**Speaker(s):** Mrs. Kelly Carter, School Board President

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Student & Staff Recognition

EASD FFA Award Winners

Introduction by: Mr. Mark Anderson & Mr. Stephen Geib

School: Elizabethtown Area High School

Floriculture

State Champions



Team Members:

Jenna Wivell, 4th
Albany Raeggs, 6th
Cami Lewis, 7th
Aleigh Shenk, 8th

- 112 contestants and 19 teams
- Will represent PA FFA at the National FFA Convention in October

Reserve Champions

Ag Market Plan



Team Members:

Aubrey Gochenaur

Reese Stauffer

Parker Breneman

- 4 teams
- Will represent PA FFA at the Eastern States Exposition in September

Livestock Evaluation

3rd Place Team



Team Members:

Maddox Donough, 9th
Amber Musser, 28th
Cassidy Carl, 32nd
Kaydence Kerschner, 35th

- 134 students and 16 teams

Agronomy

4th Place Team



Team Members:

Addison Knowles

Kyle Stoltzfus

Austin Barth

Jackson Forry

- 37 students and 7 teams

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Student & Staff Recognition

EAHS Link Crew

Introduction by: Ms. Jessica Henry

School: Elizabethtown Area High School

Introduction

Link Leaders

- Henry Fickes
- Ryan Miller
- Dereck Tijerino
- Gavin Spade

What is LINK CREW?

- Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes 9th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience.
- 11th and 12th graders are selected and choose to be Link Crew Leaders.

Highlights

- **Freshmen Orientation - August 27, 2026**
  - Two days of Link Leader planning
  - About 80 Freshmen attended
  - Whole Group Welcome Assembly
  - Small Group Activities with Link Leaders
  - Tour of the building


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Student Experience

- 2-3 Link Leaders assigned to each 9th Grade Homeroom
- Link Crew course - learning, leadership and service
- As positive role models, Link Crew Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the 9th graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate 9th grade success.

Looking Ahead

- Academic and Social Events for Freshmen throughout the year

- Upcoming Events:
  - HOCO game activity
  - "Using Your Resources" meeting in 9th grade HR
  - End of semester celebration

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Student & Staff Recognition

Bear Creek School Store

Introduction by: Mrs. Brittany Lenz

School: Bear Creek Elementary School

Bear Creek Student Store-Introduction

- Building-wide, student run store
- Students earn and spend “Bear Bucks” on items/activities of their choosing (PBIS aligned)
- Students complete inventory, order filling, order deliveries, and recirculation of Bear Bucks
  - Inventory: Organizing and keeping track of materials, creating passes, and collecting ideas for future purchases.
  - Order Filling: Counting money and filling the orders.
  - Order Deliveries: Personally delivering to homerooms.
  - Bear Bucks: Recycling the money back to the staff to hand out.

Bear Creek Student Store-Highlights

- Students placed and filled over 1,200 orders.
- All students with individualized behavior plans that involved earning Bear Bucks, all met their goal by the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Students came together as a building to earn new recess equipment for all grades and students came together as a class to earn rewards to use together.
- Students who ran the store increased their basic math computation scores to 90% proficiency or higher.
- Students who participated in running the school store developed a stronger sense of community within the building.
- Students were motivated to meet *all staff* expectations to earn Bear Bucks, which led to increased positive behaviors throughout the school year.

Bear Creek Student Store-Student Experience

- Weston L and Adeline K
- Talk about how they earned Bear Bucks (include all possible ways: Special Areas, classroom teachers, aides, cafeteria, recess, Gears, bus, behavior plans, attendance, growth in goal areas, and any other areas of need that arose.
- Talk about how it felt to run the store.
- Talk about how it motivated them to meet their individual goals. (get to car rider on time, appropriate hallway behaviors, increased math computation skills)

Bear Creek Student Store-Looking Ahead

- The school store will continue this year in a slightly different fashion.
- Students will still help run the store during BEAR time, continuing to practice math and social skills.
- Prizes will include more free experiences, such as games with the principal, lunch with a teacher, extra recess for my class, sit in a executive chair for the day, etc.
- Last year, this model extended to “Bus Bucks” where drivers could reward kids for positive bus behaviors too- this will continue this year.

School Is Underway

It’s great to have our students back and the 2026-2027 school year underway. We opened the year with 3,291 students across the District: 179 at Bainbridge, 452 at East High Street, 717 at Bear Creek, 781 at the Middle School, and 1,162 at the High School.

We also saw a strong start with attendance, with approximately 98 percent District-wide attendance during our first four days of school.

After months of preparation over the summer, it has been great to see our buildings filled with students again and learning underway across EASD.

I want to thank our faculty, staff, administrators, and operations teams for the tremendous amount of work that went into getting our schools ready and helping us get the year off to such a positive start.

Welcoming Families Back

And now that students are back, we’re also beginning to welcome families into our schools for our annual Parent Nights.

Bear Creek got us started on September 3 with its fourth- and fifth-grade families. Coming up, we have the

High School on September 9, Middle School on September 10, Bear Creek Grade 3 on September 15, East High Street on September 16, and Bainbridge on September 17.

These evenings give families an opportunity to meet teachers, learn more about what their students will experience this year, and continue building those important connections between home and school. We encourage our families to join us.

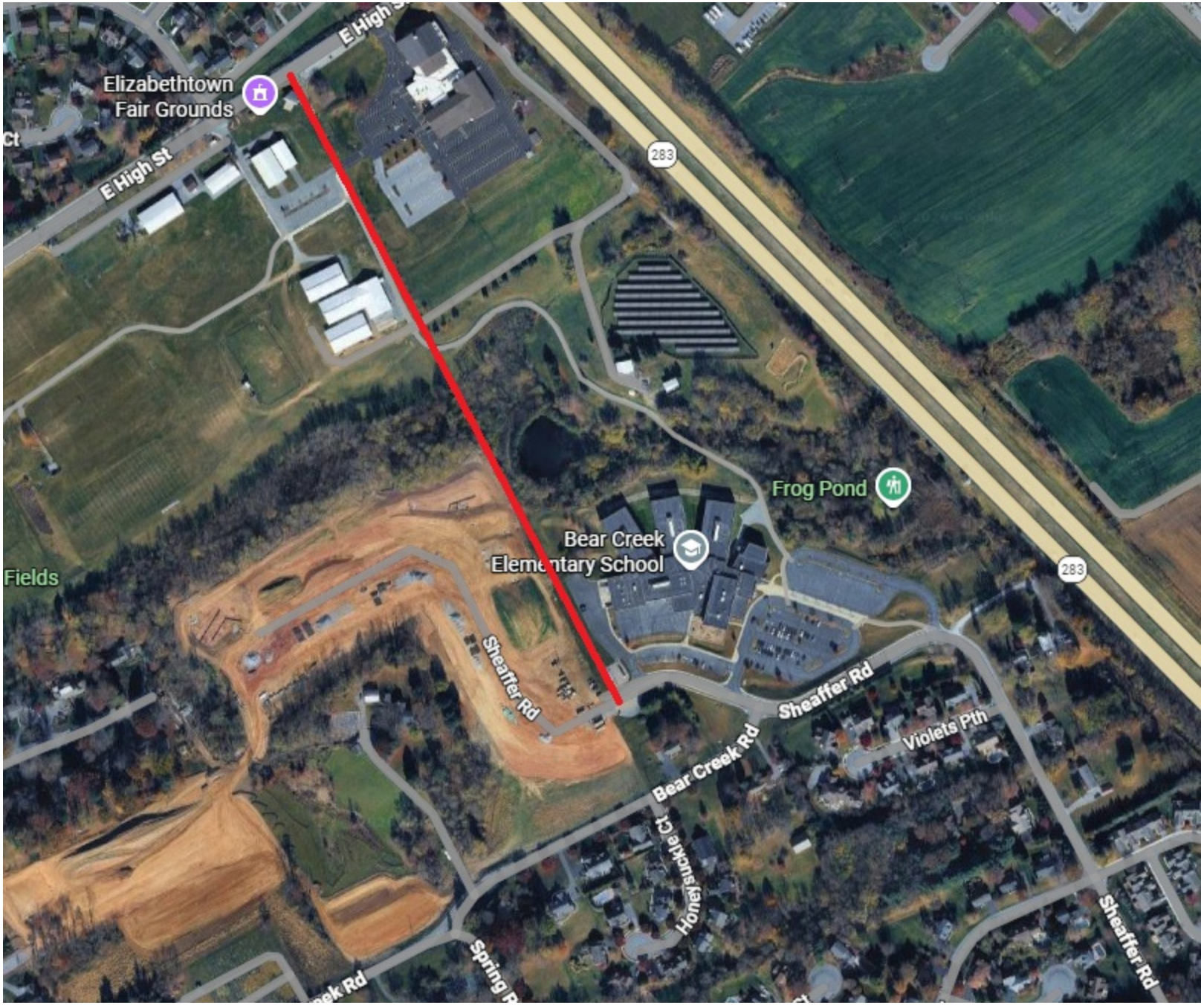
Cafeteria Update

I want to briefly address an incident that occurred earlier today in our shared Middle School/High School cafeteria. During lunch, a bat was observed flying in the cafeteria. Staff safely captured the bat, and the District consulted directly with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Game Commission, and Department of Agriculture regarding our response.

The agencies shared that several other schools have recently reported similar incidents, providing some broader context for what occurred today.

While the agencies did not recommend closing the cafeteria or disposing of food, the District chose to take additional precautions, closing the cafeteria for the remainder of the day for a thorough cleaning and discarding exposed food.

The cafeteria is expected to reopen for normal use tomorrow, and Middle School and High School families received a detailed communication this afternoon outlining the incident and our response.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Fair Grounds
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Frog Pond
Bear Creek
Elementary School
Fields
Sheaffer Rd
Violets Pth
Bear Creek Rd
Honeysuckle Ct
Spring
Sheaffer Rd

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Student/Staff Food Service Numbers

Presented by:

Tom Strickler

Position:

Superintendent

Date:

September 8, 2026

Alignment to Board Goals

Goal 1:

Create a 5-year financial plan to include all operations and education including renovation and instruction.

Goal 2:

Promote and support broad opportunities and flexibility for individual learning while complying with core standards.

Goal 3:

Identify and remove barriers to help students grow educationally, emotionally, and socially and for staff to thrive and succeed.

*Board goals highlighted in **GREEN** are relevant to the presentation*

2015 to 2026 Student/Staff Numbers

	Students	Support	Prof	Admin	Total	Students per Teacher	Students per Admin
2015	3916	109	279	29	417	14.04	135.03
2016	3855	122	322	30	474	11.97	128.50
2017	3828	125	318	31	474	12.04	123.48
2018	3891	140	341	32	513	11.41	121.59
2019	3882	144	367	30	541	10.58	129.40
2020	3691	119	357	31	507	10.34	119.06
2021	3664	114	349	28	491	10.50	130.86
2022	3643	100	352	31	483	10.35	117.52
2023	3661	99	340	29	468	10.77	126.24
2024	3532	77	336	32	445	10.51	110.38
2025	3428	84	319	33	436	10.75	103.88
2026							
2015 to 2025	488	25	40	4	19		

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Direct Certification Students	Not Direct Certified	Guaranteed Income by Contract	Free Lunch Projected SNP Loss	2026-2027 Fund 50 Budget Impact
32.50%	67.50%	$261,142	($108,305)	($369,447)

Questions

Contact:

Tom Strickler

Superintendent

tom_strickler@etownschools.org

Updated January 2024

Elizabethtown Areas School District

Donation Request Form

Thank you for supporting the Elizabethtown Area School District. To facilitate the donation process, kindly complete this *Donation Request Form* and submit it to the Board Secretary by email at becky_maxwell@etownschools.org or by mail at 600 East High Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Per School Board Policy 702, monetary/non-monetary donations of $1,000 or less require administrative approval. In contrast, monetary/non-monetary donations greater than $1,000 require formal approval of the Board of School Directors by majority vote. Once approved at the administrative or school board level, monetary donations should be presented to the Board Secretary as checks payable to the Elizabethtown Area School District. Non-monetary donations require coordination of delivery arrangements with the Board Secretary. We appreciate your cooperation in this process, and if you need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the Board Secretary.

DONOR INFORMATION:

~~Rebecca Deer~~ Etown Common Sense

Name of Donor *(if an organization, please include organization name and contact name)*

PO Box 143 | Elizabethtown | PA | 17022

Donor Mailing Address | City | State | Zip Code

717-368-8771 | etowncommonsense@gmail.com

Donor Telephone Number | Donor Email Address

DONATION DETAILS:

Would you like to make a monetary donation to the Elizabethtown Area School District?

[ ] Yes [✓] No If Yes, monetary donation amount $_____

Would you like to make a non-monetary donation of Goods or Services to the Elizabethtown Area School District?

[✓] Yes [ ] No If Yes, estimated value of the non-monetary donation amount $3,500

For non-monetary donations, please provide a detailed description of the donated Goods or Services, including, if applicable, the condition of the proposed donated item and any anticipated costs to the District as a result of the donation *(continue on back if needed)*:

Common Sense will assemble donations from the community including gift cards, activity passes (ie- mini golfing), and items like candles, blankets, etc to assemble gift baskets to gift one to every high school teacher on Nov 5, 2026.

Is there a specific program, school club/organization, or school with which your donation is designated?

[ ] Yes [X] No If Yes, donor designation: HS teachers

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

By signing below, I attest that all information provided in this *Donation Request Form* is true and accurate and I understand that the monetary/non-monetary donation will become the property of the Elizabethtown Area School District and will be under the jurisdiction of the District in accordance with School Board Policy and administrative rules and regulations.

Kim Thatcher | 6/19/2026

Donor Signature | Date

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DONOR INFORMATION:

West GreenTree Church / Paula Jones

Name of Donor *(if an organization, please include organization name and contact name)*

740 Greentree Road | E-town | PA | 17022

Donor Mailing Address | City | State | Zip Code

717 653 5367 | paula@westgreentree.org

Donor Telephone Number | Donor Email Address

DONATION DETAILS:

Would you like to make a monetary donation to the Elizabethtown Area School District?

[✓] Yes [ ] No If Yes, monetary donation amount $ 1203.15

Would you like to make a non-monetary donation of Goods or Services to the Elizabethtown Area School District?

[✓] Yes [ ] No If Yes, estimated value of the non-monetary donation amount $ 150.00

For non-monetary donations, please provide a detailed description of the donated Goods or Services, including, if applicable, the condition of the proposed donated item and any anticipated costs to the District as a result of the donation *(continue on back if needed)*:

canned/non-perishable food items condition of items is new

Is there a specific program, school club/organization, or school with which your donation is designated?

[✓] Yes [ ] No If Yes, donor designation: Bear Bags

DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

By signing below, I attest that all information provided in this *Donation Request Form* is true and accurate and I understand that the monetary/non-monetary donation will become the property of the Elizabethtown Area School District and will be under the jurisdiction of the District in accordance with School Board Policy and administrative rules and regulations.

[signature] 8/13/26

Donor Signature | Date

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APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION:

[ ] Approval [ ] Disapproval

Name [ ] Check if Superintendent Designee Title

Signature Date