

Hampton Board of Education Superintendent's Report April 27, 2022

Written 4/19/22

With the Easter/Spring Break happening in the middle of this report's time frame, this will be a shortened review.

As of the writing of this report, I have shared with you our invoice from the 4/15/22 oil delivery. This cost has been going up constantly, these past five months. The meeting of EastConn's Oil Consortium has once again postponed its April meeting hoping to see the lowering of oil prices. We now have a meeting scheduled on May 4. There just seems to be no relief in sight for the price of oil. Our next delivery will be 5/15/22.

During the Spring Break, we have had Total Communications, LLC in the building working on the repair and up grading of our phone system as well as the possible connection between the phone system and our PA system.

EastConn has also sent its technology team in to rewire the building's wireless system by up grading the system with wireless units in all classrooms rather than just in the hallways. The reason for this up grade is the increased use of individual laptops (iPads / Chromebook's) by all of our students including our Pre-K class. This increase in individuals using technology has overloaded the system.

We have also had, during this week's vacation, the fire safety system over the kitchen stove up graded since it was no long in code. We also had to close the school on Friday, April 22 when our pest control company sprayed the entire building against ants and other insects. No one could enter the building for a full 24 hours after the insecticide was applied. Our cleaning crew will clean the building on Sunday evening.

As for our students, this month will feature a full week's worth of activities celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day. Those details were sent to each of you. We hope you will be able to find a small time period to join us. The Arbor Day/Earth Day activities include a full day at Goodwin Forest for all of our students along with T-shirts for all of our students.

We have also been made aware of the various methods being used by the URSA districts in order to evaluate student progress over time. Many districts have voiced dissatisfaction with the tools they are using. HES uses the NWEA assessment as well as a tool that can be used at any point in the academic week. This tool is called iReady. It assesses student skill levels and allows the Team leaders to make any adjustments needed either in the classroom or be using SRBI interventions by Mr. Gervase.

The combination of NWEA (an assessment tool for evaluation of learning progress twice each year coupled with the iReady tool that we use is the direction other districts are moving towards in their assessment of student progress. Ms. Roberson has been in communication with other districts that have contacted us to discuss how we have implemented these assessment tools.

The F&O subcommittee will have met (4/21/22) to review the bids for the repaving of the front parking area. We have also placed our playscape order after the students voted on which playscape units they wanted us to purchase. Team B voted to have the playscape come in a navy blue color to go along with our school's color. We are hoping that by placing our order in March that we will actually receive the playscape so that they can be erected during the summer. The playscape units are being funded through the ESSER iii grant.

Finally, our summer school plans are progressing along. At this time, we are looking to have the EastConn Science Lab brought to HES to allow for a great deal of hands-on activities during the two weeks of summer school. Field trips are planned as well as a full program for

students with more defined special needs. These summer school funds are also from our ESSER iii grant. As soon as we have a robust plan in place, I will make sure that the BoE members will receive notification of the total summer program.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Olah, Superintendent