

Staunton CUSD #6 Board of Education
Superintendent's Report
May 20, 2019

The end of the school year is always an exciting time for students and staff! Many events and performances are held to celebrate the success of our students and schools. From the fine arts and athletics to our academic programs we have much to be proud of at Staunton Schools! It has been exciting to watch our progress as we add teachers and resources back into our programs. In doing so our district has made a significant commitment to equity, meaning we are driving resources to students farthest from opportunity while all students are driven to achieve at their highest levels. We have taken on a path of continuous improvement. This is a path where we celebrate our success while actively working to improve each and every day. In doing so we are building a multi-tiered systems of supports for our students. I can attest that this school year has been a great success and great things lie ahead for Staunton schools in 2019.

Third Quarter Mandated Categorical Grants

I am happy to share the Illinois Comptroller's Office has processed third quarter Mandated Categorical (MCAT) grants totaling \$206 million to K-12 school. Grants will be received one month earlier than last year due to stronger receipts into the state treasury in the month of April. This does leave open a window that the fourth quarter payment could be received by the close of June 30 albeit not as likely. We commend and thank the comptroller's office for making the release of MCAT's to schools a high priority.

Legislative Update

Only a few weeks remain in the spring legislative session. As one can expect, there are many pending bills impacting education. I will provide an oral update at the meeting as changes are happening rapidly and on a daily basis. Bills to keep a watch on are:

- HB 3053 – Mandated School Consolidation Bill
- SJRCA 1 – Amendment to the Illinois Constitution to Allow for the graduated income tax
- New Capital Projects Bill
- HB 1561 – Requires all school boards to develop threat assessment protocols and to create threat assessment teams. Additionally, it allows counties to impose a tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, or mental health professionals.
- SB 10 – Increases minimum teacher salary to \$40,000 per year over a five year period.

High School Commencement Ceremony

The SHS Commencement Ceremony will be held Friday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. Please park in the elementary parking lot behind the school and report to the home economics room by 6:30 p.m.

The junior high promotion will be held on Thursday, 4/23 at 9:00 a.m. Board members are not required to attend but are welcome. If you are attending and would like to sit with staff please let me know.

Upcoming Dates:

5/23/19 – 9:00 a.m. – SJH Promotion

5/24/19 – 9:00 a.m. – SHS Graduation Breakfast – Board members are welcome to attend.

5/24/19 – 7:00 p.m. – SHS Commencement Ceremony – Board members park in elementary lot behind school and report to the home economics room no later than 6:30 p.m.

5/28/19 – 6:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting for candidate interviews.

5/29/19 – 6:00 p.m. – Tentative Special Board Meeting for candidate interviews.

6/04/19 – 6:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting to seat appointed candidate.

6/10/19 – 6:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting: Self-Evaluation/Starting Right

6/12/19 – 5:30 p.m. – Optional: Art of School Boarding workshop in Vandalia. Departure 4:30 p.m.

6/19/19 – 7:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting: June is the first month board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday.