**Superintendent Leonard Whalen: Board Report for January 29, 2024**

**Items of involvement (not all-inclusive) since our December 18 Board Meeting:**

The month of January has gone well with the exception of the bad weather week that we faced. It appears in the short term that the weather should be okay the first week or so of February.

We continue to have the following items “on the front burner” and are working diligently on these:

- Final wrap up of our HS HVAC renovation is closing in. The testing and balancing and trying to “get any bugs worked out” is where we are at this point.

- We have received 2 new school buses that we have been waiting on (251,252). We are still awaiting one bus that should be here in the next week or so. This will mean our fleet will have 4 brand new buses this year and one that is a 2020 model. This should get our bus fleet in good working order for 15-20 years. We also have the 3 newer Suburbans along with the Camry.

- We are in the process of getting the new alternative school facility set up.

A sampling of Superintendent activities over the last several weeks:

Fri. Jan. 5th: - Attended home basketball game vs Caldwell County

Mon. Jan. 8th: - Met with Mountain Comp partners in Princeton

- Went to hospital to check on employee

Wed. Jan. 10th: - Attended WKEC Supt roundtable zoom meeting

- Attended West Hopkins Industries Meeting

- Hosted elementary student focus group luncheon

Thur. Jan. 11th: - Conducted regularly scheduled Principal Leadership Team meeting

- Attended National Weather Service update conference call

- Hosted HS student focus group luncheon

Fri. Jan. 12th: - Attended All A basketball game in Crittenden County vs UHA

Mon. Jan. 15th: - No School MLK Jr. Day – plowed lots due to snow

Tue. Jan. 16th: - Snow Day – Attended KREA zoom meeting

- Attended National Weather Service update conference call

Wed. Jan. 17th: - Snow Day

- Attended WKEC Supt roundtable zoom meeting

- Conducted Admin Leadership Team Meeting

Thur. Jan 18th: - Attended National Weather Service update conference call

Fri. Jan. 19th: - Conference call with KASS Group related to legislative update

Mon. Jan. 22nd: - Attended National Weather Service update conference call

- Attended MCC Cohort meeting in Madiaonville

Tue. Jan. 23rd: - Attended DS Rotary meeting

- Hosted Certified Supt Focus Group luncheon

Wed. Jan. 24th: - Attended WKEC Supt meeting in Eddyville

- Met with EGLI on Hard Work Café floor (10k estimate- similar to community center)

Fri. Jan. 26th: - Conference call with KASS Group related to legislative update

- Conducted Principal Leadership Group meeting

- Hosted Business, Community Leader, Parent and Supporters of DS Schools Supt Focus Group Luncheon

On the radar for the coming month:

- Continue to be visible and available in our schools and our community

- Attend regular DS Rotary Meetings

- Attend both WKEC and GRREC scheduled meetings