**Superintendent Leonard Whalen: Board Report for August 16, 2021**

**Items of involvement (not all-inclusive) since our July 19, 2021 Board Meeting:**

Our school year back with students is off to a tremendous start. Students and staff both have been excited to be back fully “in-person.” We plan to continue our masking and protocols until the Covid-19 numbers begin to decline. Our preschool numbers are very high which is extremely positive.

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

 - Following COVID protocols to safely stay in school (we did this last year and through the end of summer school)

 - Preschool expansion - in process

 - ESSER Funding and maximizing our “bang for the buck”

 - Ele Barrel Roof Project

 - Jr/Sr High HVAC Project

 - Potential Kitchen Freezer expansion

A sampling of Superintendent activities over the last several weeks:

Tue. July 20th: - Back to school Task Force meeting (internal staff)

Wed. July 21st: - Attended WKEC superintendent meeting in Paducah

Thur. July 22nd: - Conducted regularly scheduled Principal Leadership Group meeting

Fri. July 23rd: - Attended annual DS BBQ Festival

Tue. July 27th: - Attended regularly scheduled DS Rotary meeting

July 28th-30th: - Attended KASA Conference with our entire Principal Leadership Team

Mon. Aug. 2nd: - Staff made home calls to all students in preparation for school starting

Tue. Aug. 3rd: - Attended New employee Orientation

 - Attended golf match in Hopkinsville

Wed. Aug. 4th-9th: - Staff Professional Development

Tue. Aug. 10th: - Opening Day

Wed. Aug. 11th: - 1st Day for Students

Thur. Aug. 12th: - Participated in Commissioner Webcast

Fri. Aug. 13th: - Participated in WKEC Supt. virtual discussion

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 in July

 - Do everything possible to keep everyone safe and remain safe and in school