**Dr. Jason Radford, Superintendent**

**FY24**

**DECEMBER/JANUARY 2024**

* Attended co-op meetings to discuss legislative priorities and support our teachers with professional learning.
* Attended La Grange Rotary- I attend each of the three once a month.
* Admin/Staff all day Thursday, great day with our district and school leaders. We as a district and school leadership team honored our fallen firefighter by paying tribute during the procession down Hwy 146 from La Grange.
* Steering Committee Met and our work groups continue their work as well.
* Met with building reps - We will be recognizing our building representatives and our classified representatives at the board meeting on Monday, which is awesome.
* Visited NOMS and talked with students on hands-on/authentic learning experiences they are having. Really great stuff!
* Met with Baird Financial and discussed our restricted funds. Really proud of the fact that our board and our senior leaders have heard from Baird on our position as a district. We are really poised to move our district forward through careful internal planning and the support of our board! Will have more info to share at December board meeting.
* Attended training with directors and principals in Lexington to work on plans to support our special populations/gap students.
* Attended Gifted/Talented symposium and how we can help accelerate learning opportunities for our students.
* Work with AASA continues and has been very beneficial.
* Met with superintendents as part of our state organization this week.  Our legislative priorities are very well done and have good alignment.  Advocacy is key and we have communicated with our staff through newsletter and email, highlighted at recent board meetings, sent email to parents, and will be in our publication.  The communications also outline who our state legislators are for Oldham County
* I am excited to share that our publication: “Our Schools, Our Stories; Connecting Our Community” has gone to print.  I expect these to be in the mailboxes of every home and business in Oldham County by the end of next week.  We are quickly going to go to work and recruit some community members to support this communication as we plan to do another publication in the spring.  Part of our Strategic Plan; Community Pillar calls for- “The community sees a clear return on investment that ensures Oldham County is a great place to live and work.”  We also have about 68-70% of the homes in OC that do not have students attending our schools.  We have lost approximately 300 students since 18-19 school year and at a cost of approximately 1 million dollars.  We need to ensure our message gets out to everyone.
* Met with staff at various schools this week- see email I forwarded as an example.
* We are continuing to work on our Road Show 2.0 topics.  These will start probably in the latter part of January.
* Board packet is out.  A few highlights:
  + Baptist Hospital will be doing a presentation on a pilot- excited about this.
  + SEEK Funding- How we can get back on track.
  + CDIP- Our focus on student learning.  We are working hard on aligning our actions to state requirements and the strategic plan.
  + Please review the action items and let me know if there are any questions.  They are all aligned to previous discussions with the board.
* Attended KSBA Conference today.
* District leaders participated in preparing food baskets for the needy
* Attended multiple school celebrations to celebrate Christmas and the Holidays
* Employee Newsletter, Teacher/Staff Video Message, and Community Message all went out last week updating everyone about the board meeting and other important information.  Publication has also gone out to the entire community!
* It was reported to me that MANY school staff have contacted our legislators about the legislative priorities we have identified. This is good news!
* Have attended multiple school basketball games.
* Visited a lot of schools and talked with staff.
* Spreading some holiday cheer and friendly reminders about Santa! See below…
* Work Groups met this week.
* Individual School Visits
* Met with OCED
* Preparations for Important Committee Meetings with General Assembly
* Communication out about drivers/transportation. There are a lot of folks’ sick right now. We will need to keep a close eye on. We will do all we can to express our gratitude to our drivers who have worked hard to pick up the slack during this time.
* Rachel’s Challenge: Community event hosted by SOMS. Attendees from all 4 middle schools present. I am really proud of our middle schools! Our high school students told us when we met with students the one thing that could improve their school experience overall was to help ensure each student was valued and felt like they belonged!
* Met with Community Council
* Snow/Inclement Weather Plan- see district website: [Home - Oldham County Schools (kyschools.us)](https://www.oldham.kyschools.us/)
* Continued with school visits.
* Developed the Roadshow 2 Schedule
* Free Pilot for Tyto Health is up and running at all 4 locations in the district.
* Attended House and Senate Committee Meetings this week virtually.