



# Board Briefings

## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S DEC. 8 MEETING *(conducted remotely via Webex)*

- **SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION** — Student artwork will be presented to every board member in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Michael Cornell said he was grateful for the board's partnership and commended members for being thoughtful and engaged in their work, always acting in the best interest of students. High School art teachers Michelle Cyrek and Mike Edwards coordinated the student artwork donation. The pieces are photos that highlight design elements found within the Village of Hamburg. The contributing artists are: Madeline Dahlgren, Grade 9; Anna Reif, Grade 10; Carly Glashauser, Emily Kowalske, Alanna Michienzi, Cameron Viavada, Summer Weidner, Jake Gladke, Grade 11; Nathan Van Volkinburg, Grace Baccoli, Grade 12.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** — Mr. Cornell thanked families and staff for making the past few weeks of fully remote learning successful and discussed developments that will allow the district to return to in-person hybrid learning as of Dec. 14. This return is possible due to new less restrictive state requirements for COVID-19 testing in the schools when Orange and Red Zone designations are in place. Health officials acknowledge that schools are safe and have much less COVID-19 transmission than the community at-large. Hamburg Central's current infection rate is a low .22%, which Mr. Cornell attributed to everyone following safety protocols. Providing students with in-person instruction is also what's best for them academically, socially and emotionally, he emphasized. COVID-19 testing will begin at the Middle School next week. About 1,900 families and 475 staff members districtwide have consented to the testing — a high response rate. While the Orange Zone status is in place, 20% of in-person students and staff will be tested over a one-month period. For Hamburg, this equates to 715 tests in a month.
- **COVID-19 TESTING** — The board approved contracts with three agencies to provide nurses to conduct COVID-19 testing of students: Aveanna Healthcare, Independent Nursing Care and Medical People Staffing. School nurses will conduct the testing of staff.
- **TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT** — The board approved a three-year contract extension with Fisher Bus for student transportation through the 2023-24 school year.
- **PUBLIC EXPRESSION** — Correspondence from parents regarding the return to in-person instruction was received.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
Dec. 9, 2020