May 2020 Board Report

There have been so many changes since my last report to the board! As of March 16th, teachers have been delivering instruction from their homes and using new methods to connect with students. Our decision to focus on distance learning logistics and teacher concerns during our professional development day on March 13th made our transition to distance learning less chaotic. Jeff LaBenne, Lindsay Simpson and our tech liaisons worked to answer questions and trouble shoot issues with teachers who had varying levels of experience using TEAMS and other remote learning tools. They continue to help teachers on a daily basis and the quality of our online instruction continues to improve due to their efforts.

Over the past two months, I have focused my efforts on supporting teachers, students and families through effective communication and collaboration. Twice weekly faculty meetings, weekly emails and individual check-ins with teachers have helped me to know what needs my immediate attention.

Our administrative team meets weekly to discuss district wide concerns and brainstorm ways to meet the needs of our school community.
On Mondays, I travel to the Angelica and Belmont lunch distribution sites to help Rollie Duttweiler and other staff members hand out lunches. This has been a wonderful way to connect with parents and students. I have also been in contact with families and the student body through email, announcements on Jag News and global messenger calls.

On Friday May 1st our Scholastic Challenge teams competed virtually in the annual competition hosted by BOCES. Coaches Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Douglas hosted practices for the team and were there during each match to encourage our students.
On Tuesday May 5th administrators, teachers and community members delivered yard signs and athlete banners to the class of 2020. Local police and fire departments escorted the parades through Belmont and Angelica. It was so wonderful to see the seniors and their families!

I have been so impressed by the way our faculty and staff continue to adapt to the changing world of education. They have met every challenge with optimism and integrity. I am proud of our efforts to meet the needs of our students and their families.

Thank you for your support as we navigate this unprecedented time.

Mrs. Donlon