

Dolgeville Elementary

Board Report: September 15, 2020

Our First Days of School at DES:

- This year, we were able to spread the excitement of the first day of school twice! Students participating in our Hybrid Model were divided into two cohorts, Group A and Group B. The first day of school for Group A students was on Tuesday, September 8th and students in Group B started on Thursday, September 10th.
- Screening Centers: "Do you have your Blue Screening Slip?" Screening centers are located at the auditorium entrance and elementary lobby. Staff are reviewing student health screening forms before they enter the building. Any student that does not have a completed screening slip must be screened by Mrs. Hemmerich before transitioning to their homeroom. Staff in the elementary building complete screenings each morning and submit forms to the elementary office.
- Arrival and Dismissal Procedures: Our procedures for arrival and dismissal were modified for safer entry and dismissal from our school building. Families were notified that students should not arrive at school before 7:50AM. Students walking to school or being dropped off at school enter at the auditorium; bus students enter at the elementary lobby. At dismissal, homeroom teachers are escorting students around the perimeter of the bus circle; students get on their bus, walk down the hill, or wait by the auditorium entrance for their siblings to walk home.
- **Breakfast and Lunch Service:** To limit student interactions and maintain contact-tracing patterns, students are served breakfast and lunch in their homerooms. We are continuing to make this process as efficient as possible.
- Getting Outside!: We are fortunate the weather has cooperated with our new models of outside learning! Art, music, and PE classes have been held outside, using the cage courts, playscapes, pavilion, and sidewalks. This model allows for increased movement, creativity in lessons, as well as an opportunity for students to get fresh air as much as possible. We are hoping the cooler weather persists as the few hot days we had makes it difficult for students to stay cool with their masks while in classrooms.



Social Distancing and Masks: The first

few weeks are dedicated to transitioning students to wearing masks more frequently, as well as maintaining social distancing. It is amazing how quickly students are learning new habits! Early primary students have had a little more of a challenge with these protocols, but we are constantly brainstorming new ways to make safety guidelines work at DES!

- **Device Distribution to Remote Learners:** Students participating in the 100% remote learning model were invited to attend a device and material pick-up on Wednesday, September 9th from 1-3PM and 5:30-6:30PM. This provided an opportunity to distribute devices for families that needed them, as well as distribution of login and course materials.
- 1:1 Device Initiative: We have distributed devices to most of our K-6 students participating in the hybrid learning model. We hope to have all devices distributed to students by Friday, September 18th. Special thanks to Matt Randall, John Gardner, and Amanda Petrie on the numerous hours spent coordinating this opportunity for our students and families.

	Total Enrollment	Hybrid	Remote	Group A Totals	Group B Totals
Kindergarten	61	44	17	21	23
First Grade	62	48	14	26	22
Second Grade	56	43	13	21	22
Third Grade	60	51	9	25	26
Fourth Grade	61	53	8	30	23
Fifth Grade	50	37	13	20	17
Sixth Grade	56	48	8	24	24
Totals	406	324	82	167	157
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- 100% Remote Instruction: We have redesigned the instructional schedule at the elementary level to accommodate the needs of our 100% remote learners. Reading and math specialists are coordinating all math and English Language Arts instruction for students grades 1-6. For kindergarten, we created an entire classroom dedicated for remote learning.
- Special thanks to the Transportation team, custodians, and cleaners for their cooperation in our reopening. These times have challenged us all to unite and work together as a stronger team to serve our students. Our school looks amazingly clean and our students are getting off buses with smiles and screening slips! Teamwork at DCS has been exceptional!
- New Staff at DES: We welcome
 Lauren Vedete as our new primary
 reading teacher, as well as Chelsea
 Jones and LeeAnn Helmer as monitors.



• **Special thanks to Parents and Guardians:** Our parents have been amazing to work with in our reopening efforts. We had approximately 70 parents attend parent forums on Wednesday, August 19th. Communication with parents via email has increased exponentially this year and is essential to work together to provide our students with the best opportunities we can provide at DCS.



Dolgeville Central School 7-12 Building Report

September 2020

Submitted by Ruth Leavitt, 7-12 Principal

Academics

Opening School: A Group started on Tuesday, September 8th with students smiling under masks, adjusting to the new 9 period schedule and social distancing procedures. Wednesday, September 9th we piloted virtual-only classes for A Group classes and Thursday, September 10th the B Group started. In addition, 23 CTE students started two days in-person at BOCES and three days virtually at DCS.

	Hybrid	100% Virtual	A Group	B Group	Total
7th Grade	53	12	23	30	65
8th Grade	58	17	32	25	75
9th Grade	49	8	28	21	57
10 th Grade	48	10	25	23	58
11th Grade	43	4 + 12 CTE	27	16	59
12th Grade	45	8 + 11 CTE	24	21	64
Total	296	82	159	136	378

1:1 Initiative: All students 7-12 were issued school devices through the HS Library. Many thanks to the countless hours Kirsten Learnard, Matt Randall, and Andrew Doolittle spent setting this up!

Orientations: We hosted several family orientations over the past few weeks to help students and families adjust to the new schedule, new expectations, and answer the many, many questions about how to open school safely.

- Parent Forums on 8/20 were recorded and put on our website. The two sessions were well attended with 75 families represented.
- Virtual Orientation on 8/24 went over the 100% option. Three sessions were split up by grade levels (7/8, 9/10, and 11/12) to go over the schedules and held over Google Meet. You can see an example of a 100% Virtual schedule on the next page.
- 7th Grade Orientation on 9/2 introduced new seventh graders to their teachers, who took students on a tour, which included a session with their new lockers and locations from their schedules. While students were on the tour, we hosted a Q & A for parents.
- 9th Grade Orientation on 9/7 introduced new ninth graders to the expectations—not only of the year- but also of high school. When ninth graders tried out their lockers, we hosted a Q & A for parents.
- Virtual Pick Up on 9/9 gave families with 100% virtual students a chance to pick up devices, go over individual schedules, and ask questions.

College Now: we are offering 15 courses through Herkimer College this school year for a total of 50 college credits available to DCS students. Registration will be handled through the guidance office.

DCS Students and Staff in the Spotlight

- Welcome, Mr. Christopher Lee- HS Math Teacher, Geometry
- Welcome, Ms. Taylor Tobias—English Teacher, Grade 10
- Welcome, Mrs. Nancie Cooney-- LT Substitute for HS Art
- Welcome, Mr. Christopher Hanifin—LT Substitute for Social Studies, Grade 7
- Welcome, Ms. Kirsten Learnard—7-12 Librarian
- Welcome, Mrs. Karen Napolitano—Science Teacher, Grade 8
- Welcome, Mrs. Ellen Lewandowski—Attendance/Business Office
- Welcome, Mrs. Fredricka Johnson-- .5 TA

New Teachers worked with their mentors, IT, tech department, and the business office about onboarding procedures at New Teacher Orientation on August 24th-26th.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, September 23rd SATs
- End of five-weeks for Q1 is Friday, October 2nd. Progress reports will be distributed on Friday, October 9th. Parents will be given instructions for SchoolTool Parent Portal and viewing class gradebooks at that time.

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BOARD REPORT-September 15th, 2020

DEAN OF STUDENTS

1. I have been assisting both principals with the reopening of school in multiple capacities.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- 1. The governor's office gave the approval for the return of athletics for low and moderate risk sports for practices/regional games and is allowing high risk sports to have an adjusted practice only starting on September 21st.
- 2. The state association of athletics (NYSPHSAA) released a lengthy document explaining the guidelines/recommendations on Friday, September 4th for schools to follow in the return to interscholastic athletics.
- 3. I received an additional news release on September 9th that the state association of athletics (NYSPHSAA) postponed the high-risk sports of football, fall volleyball, and competitive cheerleading until March 1st. They called this new season fall sports II. They also changed the beginning date of spring sports from March 15th to April 19th as part of this decision.
- 4. Section III conducted a survey of 104 member schools (superintendent, principal, and athletic director) to help give them insight to planning of how to proceed with the return of interscholastic athletics. The results were 58% in favor of moving ahead with low and moderate sports on September 21st to 42% in favor of delaying sports seasons until after January 1st, 2021. The Section III Executive Committee decided to use this information along with other considerations to move forward with allowing low and moderate risk sports to begin on September 21st.
- 5. The next step are any adjustments made by the Center State Conference to the return of interscholastic athletics. I have a meeting scheduled for 9:00 am on Monday, September 14th with other athletic directors in our conference.
- 6. The final adjustment would be any adjustments our local school district would like to make to the return of interscholastic athletics.

ATHLETIC FACILITY

1. The softball dugout project is delayed while waiting for the permit to be issued from SED. The Edwin J. Wadas Foundation has provided us with a six-month extension to use the funds from the grant for this project. We are hoping to have the permit issued soon and this project commencing in early October.

Dolgeville Central School Bus Garage 31 Wolf Street, Dolgeville, NY 13329

Transportation Supervisor- Joseph Stack

Bus Garage Numbers **TEL: 315-429-9388** FAX: 315-429-8791 Email: Jstack@dolgeville.org

Date: September 10, 2020

To: Theodore Kawryga

From: Joseph Stack

Re: Transportation review items.

DOT Inspection was held for buses 103, 110, 113, 114, 116, C3, C5 on August 31st. Only one issue that was corrected, all the buses passed. Next DOT Inspection will be done by October 13th.

Please approve Bob Boyer as a Full time School Bus Driver to fill the available position.

Opening days for Group A and Group B went well for the Transportation Department. We had a few issues that have been corrected. Over all the staff, parents and children have done a good job following the new rules for Covid 19.

Delivery date for the new school buses is yet to be determined. Leonard Bus will schedule the delivery date when the funding is secured.

The fire alarm system had two issues over Labor Day weekend – both in zone two, bus storage.

DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL BUSINESS OFFICE

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To:

Board of Education

FROM:

Jessica Radley, Business Manager

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DATE:

9/8/2020

RE:

August Facilities Report

Please see the attached work order report from the facilities and grounds department.

In addition to the work order report, I do want to mention that we have an ongoing issue with the tractor. We had an internal fork break off that allows the machine to switch back and forth from four-wheel drive. Thankfully, it broke while in four wheel so we are going to continue to use it as is. This is something that will need to be looked at in the future.

I will be available at the September 15, 2020 BOE meeting, if you have further questions.

Thank you.

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