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TO: Board Members and Administrators
FROM: John Sibeto, Superintendent of Schools
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RE: Information Update Report



Highlights from Reynolds Junior-Senior High School:

1. Ms. Morris reported her band and choir students are preparing for their Music in Our Schools Month concert. Their selections come from well-known Broadway musicals including Grease, West Side Story, Aladdin, and Hamilton. Her guitar students are focusing on playing styles that they have chosen individually. Their list of choices included rock, jazz, fingerstyle, and country. Students involved in this year's musical are continuing to prepare for the production of Footloose. There are approximately 50 students in this year's cast.
2. Mrs. Mild reported her 7th grade Health just finished the unit on body systems. They are currently on the topic of bullying and digital citizenship. They will start their Too Good for Drugs unit where they will focus on health related skills such as, setting goals, learning the process for healthy decision making, practicing communication skills and discussing peer pressure. They will also learn facts about drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
3. Mrs. Davis reported her 10th grade Health students are finishing their Mental Health unit. Her students have been learning the signs, symptoms and treatments of mental disorders. They have been learning how to identify and manage stress. The unit concluded with facts, warning signs and steps to help prevent suicide. Her Physical Education students are participating in a variety of activities including volleyball, frisbee, circuit training and other indoor games. Her students are also calculating their target heart rates with the goal of meeting their target heartrate zone during circuit training.
4. Mrs. Wilcox reported in her Biology II students have been studying genetics. Her students will begin the fruit fly lab. In this lab, they will study the patterns by which physical characteristics are transmitted from generation to generation. By breeding fruit flies her students will determine the genotype and phenotype of the crosses performed. They will then complete a lab report on all their findings.
5. Mr. Risavi reported his 8th grade Civics classes recently completed a unit on the legislative branch of government. As a culmination to the unit, his classes participated in a mock legislation project. All students were divided into chambers of Congress. His two Civics classes were divided into houses of Congress. The smaller of his two classes served as the U.S. Senate, while the larger class served as the U.S. House of Representatives. Each student legislator had the responsibility of drafting two bills. Each bill was numbered and the student sponsor's name was attached to it. Students then assigned all bills to appropriate committee, where bills were discussed and debated. Bills were either passed out committee, amended, tabled or rejected in

committee. Once a bill reached the House or Senate floor, they were voted on (some with amendments and riders included). Bills that passed each house of Congress were then sent to the other house of Congress for consideration. Final versions of those bills that passed both houses were sent to the President (Head Teacher Mr. Tofani) to be signed into law or vetoed. The student legislators had the right to override any vetoed bill with a two-thirds majority vote against the President's action in both houses of Congress. This simulation activity allowed students to apply the lessons we learned in class, and give them a better understanding of how the legislative process actually works.

6. Mr. Emerick and Mr. Sanker reported their Materials Processing classes are working on the 3D models of the lamp they will be building and customizing. The Design and Manufacturing classes have been working on finish work for the bodies of the electric guitars they are building. They have also been cutting out the necks on the CNC router. All of their classes have been contributing to some of the various jobs they have been getting, like field signs for the little league and custom designed cornhole boards for some other customers.

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