

Spring Edition
2018-19

The Communication Link Between the Community and Your Schools

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Reynolds School District



Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Community Members:

Spring is finally here with the promise of warmer days ahead. We have entered the fourth-nine weeks, the final grading period of the 2018-19 school year. Time certainly does march on.

Springtime also brings us to the budget planning time for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. The budget planning process has continually become more and more difficult to work through the gaps in funding and the mysteries of the state's funding formulas. Our hope will be once again to simply hang on with programs intact and work through whether or not to replace staff through attrition. Enrollments have slipped to 1,047 as of March 2019. This is at a time when the district faces a greater need for use of funds to keep our buildings in working order.

Hopefully, there will be a turning point where growth will occur, but until then, we will continue to shuffle through our wants and needs. Basically, it all comes down to what affects the students the least and what is best for them – that is what we keep in mind while working through a difficult budget.

Congratulations to all who were involved in the winter sports, clubs, band, choir, musical, NHS, Academic Decathlon, etc. Best of luck to the students in the spring sports, clubs, and co-curricular activities. After much preparation, students will be taking the upcoming PSSA tests followed by the Keystone Exams, AP exams and end of the year final exams. Spring test scores sum up the academic school year, and we all hope for a good outcome.

Looking at the weeks ahead, I wish everyone a safe and happy spring break. Best wishes to our seniors who are in the midst of planning for post-secondary education, careers in the military or the job market, if they haven't already pinned down their choices by now. Commencement will be upon us before too long, and we will salute our seniors and welcome the current sixth grade class who will move up to junior high. The transitions are both joyous and bittersweet.

Sincerely,

John Sibeto

John Sibeto, Superintendent

Register for Kindergarten



2019-2020

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR **2019-2020** IS NOW OPEN. IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGISTER EARLY SO CLASS SIZES CAN BE DETERMINED.

PLEASE COME TO THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN THE REYNOLDS JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF **8:00—11:00 AM** OR **1:00—3:00 PM**. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A PACKET OF INFORMATION TO COMPLETE, PLEASE CALL:

MR. LUMPP AT **724-646-5500, EXT. 5525** OR

MRS. ANDERSON AT **724-646-5500, EXT. 5527**.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN, A CHILD MUST BE FIVE YEARS OLD **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**. THE FULL REGISTRATION PROCESS INCLUDES A COMPLETED REGISTRATION PACKET, A STATE ISSUED BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF RESIDENCY (E.G. MORTGAGE STATEMENT, LEASE AGREEMENT, CELL PHONE STATEMENT, OR TWO (2) CURRENT UTILITY BILLS, VERIFICATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES) AND A COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION RECORD. COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION MEANS THE CHILD HAS RECEIVED ALL DOSES OF REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:

- 4 DOSES OF TETANUS* (1 DOSE ON OR AFTER THE 4TH BIRTHDAY)
- 4 DOSES OF DIPHTHERIA* (1 DOSE ON OR AFTER THE 4TH BIRTHDAY)
- 4 DOSES OF POLIO (4TH DOSE ON OR AFTER THE 4TH BIRTHDAY)
- 3 DOSES OF HEPATITIS B
- 2 DOSES OF MMR**
- 2 DOSES OF VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX) VACCINE OR HISTORY OF THE DISEASE

* USUALLY GIVEN AS DTP OR DTAP OR DT OR Td

** MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES)



WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE OFFICE, WE WILL REVIEW THE COMPLETED FORMS WITH YOU AND MAKE COPIES OF YOUR DOCUMENTS.

Reynolds School District extends Best Wishes to Mrs. Wilson



Happy Retirement to Mrs. Belinda Wilson, Elementary Guidance Counselor who will begin her retirement following the last day of school on May 29, 2019. Mrs. Wilson has worked in the Reynolds School District since August of 1988 for a total of 31 years. Best wishes, Mrs. Wilson, may you enjoy a long, happy, healthy retirement with many, many rounds of golf. "Retirement is when you stop living at work and start working at living."

Introducing . . .

Mr. Steve Waleff. Athletic Trainer/Athletic Director



Stevan Eric Waleff, a/k/a "Trainer Steve" graduated from RHS in 1988. He matriculated to Slippery Rock University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Allied Health Specializing in Athletic Training; thereafter, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Thiel College with honors in 1995. In December of 1995, Trainer Steve was contracted through UPMC as the Reynolds Athletic Trainer. In 2000, he was employed by the district as the Athletic Director and in 2008 the district combined both positions and Trainer Steve became a Reynolds Administrator. He is a certified and PA Licensed Athletic Trainer, PA Licensed and Registered Nurse and a Certified Athletic Administrator. Mr. Waleff and his wife, Dr. Marci Waleff, EdD, reside in Hadley with their three daughters, Alexa, Lilly and Erica, who all attend Commodore Perry schools. The Waleff family also includes two cats, Kita and Toby. Their livestock include Icelandic Chickens raised for eggs and meat (8 hens and too many roosters) and 4 American Guinea Hogs (males – Smoky

and Hamlet and females – Hamloaf and Barbie-que). Trainer Steve spends his spare time volunteering for the Boy Scouts Venture Scouting and is a presenter on primitive survival skills at several educational gatherings, including The Pathfinder Gathering in Ohio and The Uitwaaien Bushcraft Gathering in central PA. He is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism or SCA-Medieval Recreation and Education Group, where he specializes in Viking Age Combat as well as Daily Living and Survival Skills (he holds two major awards – Member of the Order of Chivalry-Knight level of fighting and Member of the Order of the Laurel for Arts and Sciences). He participates in Pow Wow Dancing in several styles, including Northern Traditional and Southern Straight Dance. Within the Native American Culture, he holds the position of Headsman in the Great Lakes Tai Peh Society and is a Leader in the Sunzica Society. Trainer Steve is a fan of hot wings, meatloaf and good Sicilian style pizza and the Reynolds Raiders. His favorite movies are *The 14th Warrior* and the *Kingdom of Heaven*, both he reports are historically horrible but great stories. Mr. Waleff's favorite books are *Patriots* by James Wesley Rawles and *Bushcraft 101* by Dave Canterbury. His personal goal is to do the best he can with what he has, and his top bucket list item is to travel to Alaska.



Mrs. Laura Stitt

***transfers from Social Studies
to Special Education***



On March 11, 2019, ***Mrs. Laura Stitt*** made a giant leap in her career. She transferred from a secondary Social Studies classroom teacher to becoming the district-wide Autistic Support/Emotional Support teacher. Mrs. Stitt held a special education position several years ago and has longed to go back into a field where she felt her skills in helping students could serve the students best. Although, Mrs. Stitt felt great sorrow in leaving her history classes.

Mrs. Stitt has been teaching at RHS since 1997. She attended University High School in Morgantown, WV. Mrs. Stitt matriculated to West Virginia University, Clarion

University and Slippery Rock University. She holds a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master's degree in Special Education. Mrs. Stitt is certified in Social Studies and Special Education. She and her husband, Ken, reside in Greenville with their daughter, Summer. Their household also includes a Pug named Stormy, a Japanese Chin named Yochi and three rescue cats, Whiskers, Oliver and Gidget. In her spare time, Mrs. Stitt serves as a Freshman Advisor, helps with First Presbyterian Church Bible School and serves on the Kids of the Kingdom Board. She has also volunteered for the Greenville Friends of the Library. Mrs. Stitt enjoys bike riding, swimming and watching her daughter's athletic events, as well as cheering for the WVU Mountaineers, Steelers and Green Bay Packers. Her favorite foods are shrimp and grilled chicken salads. Mrs. Stitt's favorite book is The Bible, and her favorite movies are *Sense and Sensibility* and *The Holiday*. Mrs. Stitt's top bucket list items are to see the Grand Canyon and to take a cruise. Her personal goals are to read more for pleasure and to enjoy more family time.

REYNOLDS ELEMENTARY 6TH GRADE WAX MUSEUM



Reynolds Elementary School HEALTH FAIR 2019



Reynolds Elementary School SPELLING BEE Champions



Reynolds Covered Bridge Craft Show

March 23, 2019



Mrs. Karen Sherwood and Mrs. Jane Coburn, Co-advisors of the RHS Key Club reported on another successful Reynolds Covered Bridge Craft Show, which was held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Reynolds High School. Many Key Clubbers helped set up tables for the craft show on Friday after school. With the help from so many, the craft show was a huge success. Numerous vendors came to sell their trinkets and wares, and various residents from within the RHS community were able to enjoy walking around and shopping items of all sorts. And many enjoyed the kettle corn being made outside the doors.



Along with this, Key Clubbers also had a fundraiser for the Honor Flight program, held at the Reynolds VFW on March 14, 2019, where members sold different pizzas from various restaurants in the local area. This program provides veterans with an all-expenses paid trip to Washington DC to visit the Veteran's Memorial. Key Club is able to support such an endearing program.

Wrapping up the month of March, many Key Clubbers attended the Pittsburgh DCON over the weekend, March 29-31, 2019. This month, Key Clubbers will work on the Backpack Project.

Key Club meetings will now be only once a month and will be two hours long until further notice.

KEY CLUB

"Caring- Our Way of Life"

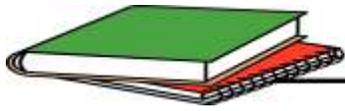
Spread the word! Get your friends and your friend's friends to join the best service leadership club around. Follow us!

- Instagram- rhskeyclub_
- Facebook- Reynolds Key Club Facebook Group
- Website for all Reynolds' service leadership clubs (Featuring an easy way to turn in service hours!)

Quote of the Month: "Grit is that 'extra something' that separates the most successful people from the rest. It's the passion, perseverance, and stamina that we must channel in order to stick with our dreams until they become a reality."
-Travis Bradberry



Introducing . . . the Reynolds Jr.-Sr. High School



English Department



Mrs. Leesa Donnelly - English II

Mrs. Donnelly starting her teaching career at RHS in 1996. She graduated from Kennedy Catholic and matriculated to West Liberty University and Westminster College. Mrs. Donnelly holds a Master's degree and is certified in Secondary English and Library Media Specialist. She resides in Sharpsville with her husband, John, and their daughter, Leea, who attends Reynolds Elementary School. Their family also includes three cats, Leo, Max and Bear. In her spare time, Mrs. Donnelly serves as an Elementary Girls' Basketball Coach and cheering on the Reynolds Raiders and her favorite Pittsburgh teams. She also enjoys camping, cooking, and doing research. Mrs. Donnelly's favorite food is pizza, and her favorite movie is *Say Anything*. Her favorite books are The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand, Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte and The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Mrs. Donnelly's personal goals are to be a great mom and stay healthy. Her top bucket list item is to own a couple Bengals or Savannah cats.



Mrs. Kelly Fuchs — English/Language Arts 8 & Gifted 7-12



Mrs. Fuchs began teaching English at RHS in 1994. She is from Connellsville, PA and attended Westminster College. Mrs. Fuchs holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree and is certified in elementary and reading specialist. She serves as the National Honor Society co-advisor. Mrs. Fuchs resides in the district with her husband, Ralph, pet fish and an outside cat named Fenway. They have three sons, Samuel (a teacher in Ohio), Nicholas (attends Longwood University) and Noah (attends USC Sumter), all of whom graduated from RHS. Mrs. Fuchs' favorite foods are pizza and burgers, and her favorite movies are *The Help* and *Mamma Mia*. She enjoys reading books by Jodi Picoult and Elin Hilderbrand, but her favorite is The Help by Kathryn Stockett. Mrs. Fuchs has enjoyed working with the NHS for the past eight years, which has allowed her to become involved with community services such as helping needy Reynolds families at Christmas, organizing "Rent a Senior" fundraiser for Relay for Life, and most recently with the Pizza Pass fundraiser for Honor Flight, which helps veterans go to Washington D.C. to view the war memorials. In her spare time, Mrs. Fuchs enjoys exercising, traveling to Virginia and South Carolina to see their two youngest sons play baseball, and visiting their eldest son in Columbus, Ohio, where he coaches football, wrestling and girls lacrosse. Mrs. Fuchs also enjoys rooting for the Reynolds Raiders and the Kentucky Wildcats college basketball team. In addition, she enjoys spending time with her mom, sitting outside on the deck and talking. Her top bucket list item is to become a grandma and someday move down south. Mrs. Fuchs' tells us that her personal goals are to start to read a daily devotional, exercise both her mind and body daily, participating in more 5K races, and try to follow in the footsteps of her late father Bill Swan by putting Jesus first - others second – and yourself last (JOY).





Mrs. Maggie Luciani - Pre AP English, English III & Mass Media/Yearbook

Mrs. Luciani began her teaching career at RHS in 2005. She's a hometown RHS grad hailing from the Class of 2001. Mrs. Luciani matriculated to Gannon University where she earned a bachelor's degree in English and a Master of Education degree. She is certified to teach Secondary English. Mrs. Luciani and her husband,

Anthony, reside in the district with their preschool children Madeline and August. Their family is rounded out with two dogs, Hudson, a Great Dane and Harley, an Australian Cattle dog. They also have two American Quarter Horses, Blazer and Stevie. In her spare time, Mrs. Luciani volunteers her services to St. Michael's Church and Mercer County 4-H. She loves to ride and show horses, kayak, hike and rooting for the Notre Dame football team. Mrs. Luciani's favorite meal is Seafood Pesto Penne from Muscarella's, and her favorite book is The Great Gatsby. Her favorite movie is *Gladiator* starring Russell Crowe. Mrs. Luciani's personal goal is to make a difference, and her top bucket list item is to take an Alaskan Cruise.



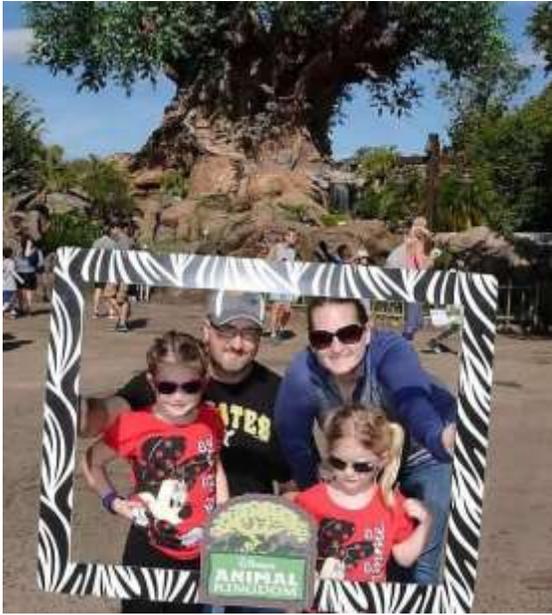
Mr. Scott Meskel - English 9 & Keystone Literature



Mr. Meskel started teaching at RHS in 2007. He graduated from Wilmington Area High School. Mr. Meskel attended the University of Pittsburgh where he obtained his Bachelor's degree in English Literature with a minor in Western European History and his Master's degree in Secondary English. He is certified in Secondary English. Mr. Meskel currently serves as an Assistant Cross Country Coach. He resides in Harrisville with his wife, Bethany, and three children, Patrick, Emma and Jacob. The Meskel family volunteers their time for the March of Dimes, hosting an annual bowl-a-thon fundraiser. They also serve as the ambassador family for the Pittsburgh area. Mr. Meskel enjoys running, playing softball, gardening and hunting. He also loves to root for the Pittsburgh Penguins, Pirates and Steelers, and his favorite athlete is Eliud Kipchoge. Mr. Meskel's favorite foods are roasted turkey and stuffing. His favorite book is The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, and his favorite movie is *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*. Mr. Meskel's top bucket list item is to travel to Europe. His personal goals are to run a marathon, inspire nonreaders to become readers, and to learn to sail.



Mrs. Katie Tyson – English/Language Arts 9, College Prep. English IV & English IV



Mrs. Tyson began teaching English at RHS in 2006. She graduated from RHS and attended Thiel College, University of Limerick in Limerick, Ireland, and Walden University. Mrs. Tyson holds a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's degree in Curriculum and is certified in Secondary English. She currently serves as a Student Council advisor, Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach, and Jr. High Track & Field Coach. Mrs. Tyson resides in the district with her husband, Steve and two daughters, Addisyn (8 yrs.) and Sadie (5 yrs.). Mrs. Tyson's family also includes a Great Dane named Brutus, Jack Terriers named Rudy and Baily, Miniature Donkeys named Cooper and Gus, Miniature Nigerian Dwarf Goats named Lily and S'Mores, a Bearded Dragon named Toothless, and Parakeets named Blueberry and BirdBird. Her favorite food is Chocolate Chip cookies, and her favorite movie is *Braveheart*. Mrs. Tyson loves to read all genres, but loves historical fiction. Her favorite books are Wuthering Heights, Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Of Mice and Men, The Twilight Series, and Harry Potter. Mrs. Tyson enjoys reading, walking, and cheering on the Reynolds Raiders, and various college basketball and professional baseball teams. Her personal goal

is to have a lasting, positive impact on her family and students by being remembered as someone who cares and is passionate about the things in life that matter. Mrs. Tyson's top bucket list item is to travel . . . anywhere she can go.



Mr. Daniel Williams – AP English, English/Language Arts 8, Mass Media/Newspaper

Mr. Williams started his teaching career at RHS in 2007. He graduated from Commodore Perry High School. Mr. Williams obtained his Bachelor's degree from Clarion University and Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Gannon University. He is certified in Secondary English with a minor in Philosophy. Mr. Williams currently serves as the RHS Newspaper Advisor and is the Ecology Club Advisor. He resides in Greenville with his wife, Erin, and two children, Holden and Claire. His family's pets include pet fish, a lab-mix dog named Barley, and a barn cat named Allie Sue (named after Mrs. Suzanne Allison who rescued the cat as a kitten on a cold wintery night, and the Williams' family adopted the kitten by way of an all staff email sent out. Allie Sue turned out to be a great cat!). The Williamses



don't consider their livestock to be pets, but they care for Dorper Sheep, Dexter Cattle and several chickens. In his spare time, Mr. Williams is busy serving on committees and boards for the 4-H and agriculture through Penn State Extension. He enjoys reading, working outside, building things, fixing things, making music, agriculture/raising livestock and cheering on the Reynolds Raiders. Mr. Williams' favorite movie is *Lonesome Dove*, and his favorite book is Far From the Adding Crowd by Thomas Hardy. He loves to eat dishes made with quality ingredients by people who know what to do with them. Mr. Williams' top bucket list item is to sail on a tall-ship. His personal goal is to make contributions to positive changes.

Reynolds Elementary School

Track and Field Day



Reynolds Elementary School's Annual Track and Field Day will be held on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**, at the Reynolds Junior-Senior High School track beginning from **1:00 PM - 3:30 PM**. Admission is free and parents are welcome to attend. [Rain Date: May 28, 2019]

Students in grades five and six may choose two events to compete in from among eight different events. These events include: 50 M. Dash; 100 M. Dash; 400 M. Run; 800 M. Run; 50 M. Hurdles; Long Jump; and Softball Throw. In addition to those seven events, students may elect to compete as a member of a 4 X 4 100 M Relay Team. Each class will be allowed to have three girls' relay teams and three boys' relay teams.

Ribbons, provided by the PTO, will be presented to the students who finish in the first five places in each event. In addition, a trophy will be presented to the class in each grade whose students score the most points.

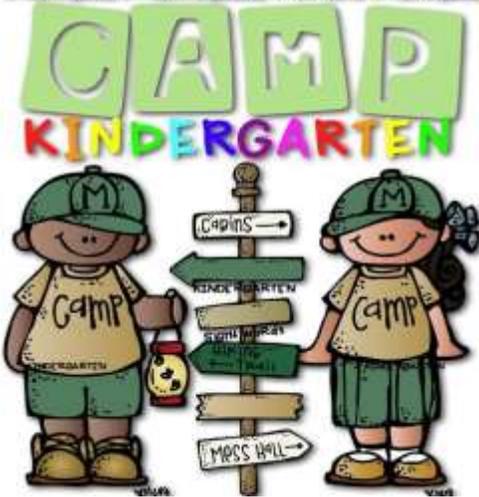


Success by Six Program

Success by Six is a program offered by the United Way. It has been established to help students transition into Kindergarten. The program is scheduled **Mondays through Thursdays, 6/10/2019 – 6/27/2019, off during the week of 7/1/2019 – 7/4/2019, and then again 7/8/2019 -7/25/2019 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM**. Lunch and transportation will be provided.

This program will be taught by Reynolds staff through the United Way of Mercer County. Students will work on academics, health and wellness, and social relationships. This provides students with opportunities to become familiar with the following: the school, classroom routines, school rules, riding the bus, eating in the cafeteria, and socialization skills.

If you're interested in having your son or daughter enrolled in this program, contact **Mrs. Lori McEwen** at Reynolds Elementary School, 724-646-5600. Please contact her as soon as possible if you are interested in this program, since the spots fill up fast. Students will be accepted on a first call basis and spots are limited to 20. *****STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN IN ORDER TO ATTEND.**



Kindergarten Camp 2019

Kindergarten Camp will be held this year **Monday, August 12, 2019** through **Friday, August 16, 2019**. Camp will begin at **9:00 AM** and end at **12:00 PM** daily. Parents are encouraged to attend the opening day of camp ceremonies. Parents will be given district information and classroom information from teachers. Transportation will be provided for students Tuesday through Friday.

Students will have the opportunity during this week to become familiar with the school, their teachers, classroom routines, etc. without feeling intimidation by the entire student body.

Parents will receive valuable information on the first day from several of our administrative staff. The Supervisor of Food Service, Supervisor of Child Accounting and Transportation, the School Nurse, Guidance Counselor, and the Principals will be in attendance to answer questions and explain policies and procedures.

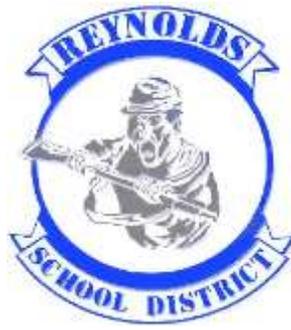


Reynolds Elementary School New Student Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019** at **9:00 AM** in the elementary library. This orientation is geared towards new students that have moved in over the summer. Students and parents will meet with the Supervisor of Food Service, Supervisor of Child Accounting and Transportation, School Nurse, and the Elementary Principal to go over school related information. A tour of the building will be given to students and parents at this time, also.

Reynolds Junior-Senior High School New Student Orientation will also be held on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019** at **10:00 AM**.



- **August 26, 2019** 1st School Day for Grades 1-12
- **August 26-28, 2019** Kindergarten Assessments
- **August 29, 2019** 1st School Day for Kindergarten
- **September 2, 2019** LABOR DAY – No School



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MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Reynolds School District is to provide an excellent education for all by all.

[The mission statement avers the concept that all students are to be provided an excellent education, by all employees of the district, so that they may succeed in college, career and technical studies, or move directly into the workforce. Reynolds SD recognizes that this mission statement is intended to reflect the educational needs for each student to be successful in the 21st Century.]

VISION STATEMENT:

The Pennsylvania State Standards of Assessment and Keystone Exams will serve as the foundation of the Reynolds School District's educational program with the achievement of said standards being the expected outcome. The Reynolds School District will use purposeful assessment driven instruction to provide an educational program that meets the various needs of students in order to continuously improve student achievement. Educating Reynolds School District students will be a shared responsibility among all stakeholders: students, parents, the Board of School Directors, administrators, teachers, support staff members, and members of the community. High quality professional development will provide administrators, teachers, and support staff members with the tools and knowledge required to enhance the District's ability to deliver a high quality instructional program.

Adopted by Reynolds School Board—October 2018

