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I want to first begin my report by expressing a congratulations message to the team at William Foster Elementary School for recently being named a Bronze Medal finalist for the statewide PBIS initiative. This program involves teaching students expected behaviors in a consistent and positive way, modeling and acknowledging those behaviors, and helping all students meet expectations and be successful. PBIS has been shown to improve student achievement, student behavior, and school climate when it comes to student behavior. The Board needs to know that ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS participate in the PBIS Initiatives, yet in 2016, William Foster Elementary School applied for the award and earned recognition at the Bronze level, becoming only one of 47 bronze schools to be recognized at this level of distinction...AND.... Only one of 55 schools to be recognized at any of the levels (Gold, Silver, or Bronze). William Foster Elementary School was honored for their success at the 2016 Ohio PBIS Showcase in Wilmington, Ohio on December 1, 2016. The William Foster staff played an integral role in earning this distinction. Their hard work and dedication to PBIS implementation has helped our students succeed in learning and exhibiting PAWS (Prompt and Prepared, Accept Responsibility, Work Hard, and Show Respect) in the building. Congrats to William Foster.

Secondly, our most recent Open Line On Air has been posted on GHTV and on the district website, and features all of the hard work of Mrs. Shari Bailey and her technology team over the years. Viewers will learn about current initiatives in technology throughout the district and about the evolution of this department. Please take time to learn more about the role of Mrs. Bailey and the efforts of our technology team.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of the concert and vocal performances that took place in the last few weeks. There are a few more events that are even taking place tonight as well. Attending these performances demonstrate the pride and talent of our students, and we thank the teachers who serve as advisors to prepare our students, as well as the families for their support and encouragement.

Happy Holidays to the Board and to the entire community!

GO BULLDOGS!

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