

E-BLAST

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On behalf of the administration of the Garfield Heights City Schools, I officially welcome and congratulate our newest member, Joan Chamberlin. The team throughout the district is excited to work with Mrs. Chamberlin once again, to continue providing students in the Garfield Heights City Schools with opportunities. On behalf of the entire school district, we also wish the very best to June Geraci, who recently resigned the post and who created the vacancy which Mrs. Chamberlin has been appointed to fill.

On the same topic of the Board of Education, the month of January is officially considered "Board Recognition Month," in the State of Ohio and I want to commend all of the members of the Garfield Heights Board of Education. As Superintendent, The Garfield Heights City Schools could not perform its function of delivering a solid public education to the students in our community without the dedication and hard work of the Board. Together, this group helps to set the strategic direction for the district, create and establish policies to ensure success and monitor the overall academic achievement of the Garfield Heights City Schools. The decisions that our five Board members make today, have the power to shape the current and future educational environment for this community. Being a board member is a substantial commitment.

Perhaps one of the most important roles the board members play is in the duty of being a liaison with the community. When people have questions or concerns with the Garfield Heights City Schools, our board members are typically among the first to be called. They then work through my office to seek answers or input. Because they are empowered by the people, they are answerable to them as well, and consequently a balanced approach between policy-maker and public servant is part of the job.... At times, this can be a 'thankless' job. Yet at other times, it can be extremely rewarding. Just consider what this Board of Education has been able to accomplish in the last several years.

Finally, the winter weather is here, but it will not last forever. Please continue to remain posted on important winter weather updates on our website and on social media. The winter weather also means that Testing Season is just around the corner, in the springtime. Next month, my report will include some very important tips and routines that families can establish to help their sons and daughters have a successful Testing Season.



Superintendent

GO BULLDOGS!

Terry Olszewski