

# Superintendent's Eblast - October '18

## October Eblast

Welcome everyone, to our October Board Meeting. Thank you to the parents who took time to participate in our online parent survey and provide their feedback to the District about thoughts relative to the school. Participants in the survey seemed to be informed about the many opportunities that are being offered and the accomplishments being made by students and staff in our District.

When asked open-ended questions about their favorite aspects of the Garfield Heights City Schools, parents responded with our diverse course offerings, our caring and dedicated staff members, and our safe and secure facilities. The District plans to share these surveys on a regular basis, so that we can learn valuable information from our parents and community.

This week, the Garfield Heights City Schools took another deliberate step forward with the launch of our Anonymous Alert system. The Anonymous Alert system is a reporting app designed to help stop negative activity in the schools by empowering students and parents to speak up. The Anonymous Alerts system allows for 1-way or 2-way anonymous communications between submitters, including students, parents or community members and district administration and school staff. Users of the system have the option to remain anonymous, or reveal their identity when submitting a report. Check out the district website for easy instructions on how to use this reporting system.

Next, as part of the District's ongoing effort to provide healthy foods for our students, a new salad bar is being offered at the end of this month at Garfield Heights Middle School. In partnership with Pisanick Partners and Farm Fare, this salad bar builds upon the success of our fresh produce option at the Middle School, and will provide fresh veggies, grains, fruits and proteins to our students on a daily basis.

This salad bar comes in addition to another new initiative at the Middle School, where they are providing fresh produce to the community every second Wednesday of the month between 4 and 6 p.m. courtesy of a partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Last week was the first session, and more than 200 families came to receive broccoli, bananas, peppers and more. A total of 4,000 pounds of fresh, donated produce was distributed.

Please spread the word about this important initiative to get healthy, wholesome foods to our students and families. Thank you to everyone involved for providing these opportunities.

Finally, by now, everyone should know that our Bulldog Football team continues to roll, with their most recent victory coming on Friday night, giving them a record of 8 wins and 0 losses.

Stay tuned for more exciting news to come, and as always...GO BULLDOGS!

Terry Olszewski

Superintendent