

BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT

JUNE 8, 2020

School Closure - As you are aware, through Executive Order 7II, Governor Lamont ordered the closure of all public-school classes through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The Distance Learning Program for Pomfret Community School students will end on Thursday, June 11, 2020 which is the last scheduled day of school.

Virtual Graduation - Also, on June 11, 2020 there will be a virtual graduation for the Pomfret Community School Class of 2020 starting at 6:00 PM via Zoom. All grade 8 students have come to PCS to be photographed in their caps and gowns. The members of the Pomfret Board of Education have recognized the members of the Class of 2020 by purchasing and delivering graduation balloons to each member of the graduating class. The Grade 8 teachers also delivered graduation signs to each member of the class.

PCS Staff Parade - On Friday, May 22, 2020 the Pomfret Community School staff conducted a car parade through Pomfret as an expression of how much they miss our students and as well as a commendation to our students and families for all of their efforts during this pandemic. It was truly a great community event.

Retirement Parade - Since we are not able to gather in a large group, PCS staff will honor Carolyn Otto, Lori Patrylak, Cheryl Lehto and Mary Jo Chretien with a retirement parade outside the main entrance of PCS on June 10th at 10:00 AM.

Student's Personal Belongings - The last day of in-person classes at PCS was March 13, 2020. Few knew at that time that students would not be returning for the remainder of the school year. As a result, student desks and lockers contained numerous personal items belonging to students. PCS staff cleaned out desks and lockers bagging all student personal belongings and organized them in the gymnasium for contactless parent/student pick up.

Workstation Modifications - Although no guidance has yet been issued by the State of Connecticut on the reopening of school, we have begun to make some modifications to workstations such as the installation of plexiglass barriers especially in high traffic areas.

Acceptance of Donation - At its meeting of May 20, 2020 the Pomfret Board of Education approved the acceptance of a donation of \$5,975 from Bright Funds through the VMware Foundation. The donation was made in recognition of twelve years of service at VMware for Pomfret resident and PCS parent Daniel Plouffe. Per Mr. Plouffe's wishes, the funds will be used to support science education. This is the third consecutive year that a donation has been made in recognition of Mr. Plouffe.

Pomfret Community School Reopening Advisory Committee - The Pomfret Community School will hold an organizational meeting of its Reopening Advisory Committee during the week of June 15th. We are currently waiting for guidance and/or executive orders from the State of Connecticut related to the reopening of school for the 2020-2021 school year. On June 2, 2020, the state issued guidance for in-person summer school programs only. The task of the Advisory Committee will be to translate guidance received from the State of Connecticut into specific operational plans and policies that will allow us to create the safest and most productive learning environment possible for the students and staff of the Pomfret Community School.

EASTCONN Food Distribution at PCS - Grab and go meals for all Pomfret children will continue to be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings between 8:00 and 9:00 AM until at least June 30. Representatives of EASTCONN are exploring options for food distribution beyond June 30, 2020.