



BREATHITT COUNTY SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

PROJECT SUMMARY

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MONTH IN REVIEW

Breathitt County Schools has now completed 34 days. Very few problems have been noted as we near completion of our second month. Every school and classroom I have been in during the last month has had all students actively engaged in learning. It's exciting to walk into a classroom of our students and see the potential that each our students have. I come away from every school visit more confident that Breathitt County students have as much potential as any students in the world.

During the last month we have made progress within each of our schools in developing new processes as it relates to improving our communications. Data analysis, improving teaching strategies, improving safety procedures, and identifying our accomplishments. It's imperative for our schools and our community that we take seriously our responsibility in providing an academic experience that each of our students so deserve. One of the key elements of this is to be sure that we funnel all of our resources into the hands of our students so that we can say that Breathitt County has prepared them for success in our ever changing world.

I also want to congratulate all of our students who represent our school system and our community in our extra-curricular activities. They have represented our community well. I want to make a special point to recognize our high school academic team for their quick recall win against Owsley County.

EVENTS ATTENDED

- August 26, 2015 attended the NextGen Leadership meeting at KVEC in Hazard. This event is aimed at preparing our leaders to reshape how we educate our students for a 21st century world.
- August 28, 2015 I met with Executive Coach Dr. Fred Carter. As required by law, I will be completing a new superintendent internship during my first year. Dr. Carter and I met for several hours to discuss my vision for

Breathitt County Schools and then we toured our schools. He came away highly impressed at the potential we have here to better the lives of our students.

- August 31, 2015 attended the Hal Rogers event at the National Guard Armory as he spoke about his IWAY Broadband initiative that will bring hi speed internet to our area. We also had students from our 6th grade academy recognized by Rep. Rogers for the involvement in our 1-1 initiative.
- September 1st, 2015 I attended a meeting of our Pastoral Association. I discussed the importance of their role in being in constant prayer for our school system as we take on the challenges of building a better Breathitt County School system.
- September 15th, 2015 attended our monthly board training with KSBA and worked with David Baird and Gene Crowley to set strong goals and build effective budgets for our schools and students.
- September 17th and 18th attended the Superintendent On Boarding Training in Frankfort.
- September 18th met with KSBA Facilities branch to discuss our current facility plans and the facility needs of our district.

I also met with our County Judge Smith and Jackson Mayor Wolfe to express our schools systems willingness to be a partner in moving Breathitt County forward.

I have had continued Leadership meeting with our central office staff and with our School Leadership teams. All of our leadership is focused on meeting the needs of all of our students.

I attended a middle school football game, a high school volleyball game our high school football games and an elementary girls' basketball game between LBJ and MRC. I am continually amazed at how talented and dedicated our student athletes are.

OTHER ITEMS

During the first months of school we have had a couple of bus incidents where another driver has slid into our buses on their routes. Thankfully our drivers have been well trained in defensive driving during their July 28th training. Just to reinforce that training our transportation director had a follow training with those drivers involved to reinforce the importance of being a defensive driver. Driving a school bus is one of the most difficulty jobs in our district and our drivers are exceptional. We take for granted that they will get our kids home safe every day! That is a testament to the training they have had and to their abilities. I would like to encourage the community to be extra cautious during our morning and afternoon bus commutes and anytime they see a big yellow bus.

Central office repairs have slowly progress. We finally agreed to a proof of loss with the insurance company. This will allow us to begin the repairs inside as soon as possible. We were also working with both of our technical schools to allow our students to do some concrete repairs to the sidewalks and steps in front of our Central office. They had completed projects like this at the high school in the outdoor area that were tremendous learning experiences for them. During their work, the pre-cast concrete attached to our front entrance had shifted out of place over time looked to be unsafe. We contacted Fredrick and May construction and BFMJ engineering and Alt32 Architects to direct us on how to remedy the problem. Due to this problem existing for such a long time, it was recommended to remove the pre-cast to guarantee safety. That has taken place and repairs are in the process. The estimated cost at this point to repair our sidewalk and to remove the precast is roughly \$5000. There will be some cost in putting the new surface back on the walls. I have declared an emergency due to public safety to address this. In order to pay for the repairs I am using a refund we received this summer from our insurance that was a little over \$19000. I do not expect the cost to exceed that but when you are dealing with older facilities things happen. This money is not a part of our general fund and to date no money has been spent out of general fund.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

I want to thank our community for their support for our students and faculty and staff. I am thankful for the enthusiasm you have shown towards making Breathitt County Schools a better school system. It is critical to our children that they know we are behind them. They are our future leaders!