Broad Run District Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2022 UPDATES- TOWN HALL, BUDGET, AND MORE

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Town Hall

With Andrew Hoyler (Broad Run) and Jeff Morse (Dulles)

Monday, February 28 at 6:30pm
Rock Ridge High School

My 6th town hall will be held on Monday, February 28th at 6:30 PM at Rock Ridge High School. Jeff Morse, the Loudoun County School Board Chairman, will also be present, as will his constituents from the Dulles District. This is a wonderful opportunity to have an open discussion on whatever topic is important to you; the budget, proposed policies, and more.
2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

On Tuesday, February 8th, my colleagues and I finalized our budget request, which was then sent to the Board of Supervisors. 3 of my proposed amendments passed, including lowering the staffing standard to elementary deans (resulting in 6 schools keeping their deans next year), saving approximately $1,000,000 by deferring the purchase of new chromebooks for Kindergarten classrooms (we will instead be using chromebooks that are already in hand and are only 2 years old), and moving the School Board Assistant position to a 10 month contract (half of the board members used their assistants for less than 100 hours last year). I also supported a number of other amendments, including removing parking fees for high school students and implementing sweeping changes to Fine Arts stipends.

I ended up voting against the finalized budget proposal due to our expected $10,000,000 to $20,000,000 funding shortfall. Throughout the budget season, the guidance we received was that it was not likely that our full request would be funded. I would have liked to see us make more progress towards our expected funding amount. Currently, we must wait for the Board of Supervisors and state of Virginia to finalize their budgets before we will learn how much we will need to cut. Our final reconciliation will happen in late April to early May.

MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

The Superintendent’s Mental Health Task Force wrapped up their work and published their final report, which can be found HERE.

One item in the preliminary budget that I am very excited for is the implementation of free online therapy for our secondary students. As someone who struggled immensely with my own mental health when I was a student in LCPS, I recognize the need to provide greater access to mental health resources to our Loudoun families. Currently, many find themselves facing a 4-6 month long wait to be able to see a licensed therapist. The exact details and vendor are still being worked on, but will hopefully be ready by the time the fall semester rolls around.

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

Last Friday, you all should have received a survey from RTI, who LCPS is working with to help plan our Strategic Actions for the next few years. Your constructive feedback is essential in helping us decide what our goals and visions for LCPS will be. The survey will close on Friday, March 11th. RTI will be facilitating town halls over the next few months to gain more feedback from parents and teachers on particular topics they would like to see included; please stay tuned for dates and times.
I am continuing to volunteer as a substitute teacher and visit schools in the district. Over the next week, I will be subbing 3 times at Briar Woods High School, and will be visiting 4 other schools that my constituents attend. I want to extend a big thank you to Principal Painter of Discovery Elementary for inviting me to their PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) reward. The kids had a blast throwing whipped cream pies at him and Dean DiLorenzo. As you can see in the picture below, one pie went a bit high, but Mr. Painter made sure that Ms. DiLorenzo would not be spared.

For more information on PBIS within LCPS, please click [HERE](#).