

In the Loop with the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education

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This past week and the next are full of excitement, exams and emotion as we end the 2020-21 school year. Students at the High School wrapped up classes this week and have moved into exams. The last day of regular attendance for the Middle School is Monday, June 21, with exams to follow for students taking Regents courses only. The last day of attendance for Elementary students (PEC/IEC is Thursday, June 24. The last day for faculty and staff is Friday, June 25.

The Class of 2021 will now conclude their days at Lewiston-Porter, and will walk across the stage at Artpark on Friday, June 25. Thank you to the Lewiston-Porter community for your support of these amazing kids throughout this most difficult year, and for coming out to cheer on the graduates at Wednesday's Senior Class Parade. It was an incredible send-off! Shout out to the Lewiston Police Department for providing for their safety along the parade route, and for hosting the Class Picnic on Blakeslee Field following the parade. Last night, the Class of 2021 danced the night away at the Senior Prom and Friday they will walk across the stage at Artpark. Commencement begins at 6:00pm in the outdoor amphitheater. Congratulations, Class of 2021!

The Board of Education schedule is a little off-schedule for June, with two back-to-back Monday meetings (rather than on the second and fourth Monday). The Board met on Monday, June 14 for a busy work session and will meet this Monday, June 21 for the regular monthly business meeting.

At this past week's work session, the board was briefed on plans for summer programming by Dr. Heather Lyon, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology, together with Tamara Larson and Nick Hill, who are coordinating the Summer Programs at the Elementary and Secondary levels, respectively. Theme-based Summer Camps will run in three-week sessions at the Elementary level, with Middle School also offering two three-week sessions. The High School summer program will be course-based, taking place on campus utilizing the current Apex program with in-person teacher support. Students will be able to recover course credit, and an opportunity will also be offered to students to get ahead in certain courses (like Health, Participation in Government, Economics, and/or English 12). Transportation will be provided. Please reach out to your child's teacher and/or building principal to complete registration if they have been invited, or if you are interested in more information.

Dr. Lyon also briefed the Board on progress in the development of the Student Evaluation, Promotion, & Placement (SEPP) Handbook. The SEPP Handbook creates consistent and clear expectations for all stakeholders so that our students' educational experiences are optimized to their highest levels. It provides detailed information regarding the processes used in the Lewiston-Porter Central School District specific to policies #7210 "Student Evaluation, Promotion, and Placement" and #7212 "Response to Intervention". The development of the process and handbook has taken place over this year, through the work of the districtwide EPP committee, in collaboration with the Board of Education Policy Committee. Dr. Lyon summarized the work in her presentation, "With the consistent and objective procedures in place, all buildings will be aligned in order to ensure that our students are getting exactly

what they need based on what they know. In other words, that we are all aiming at the same target.” Stay tuned for more information on this important work.

The Board of Education will meet for the final time this year on Monday, June 21. At the meeting, we will honor the contributions of many beloved faculty and staff, as they retire from Lewiston-Porter. Please join us! You may attend either in person (with social distancing and proper masking) or virtually. For the virtual option, simply follow the instructions as posted to the district homepage: Go to lew-port.com, and follow the [Zoom Meeting link](#)/Passcode: Lancers. The Board will then meet next to organize for the new year at the annual Organizational Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, July 1 at 6:00pm.