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## October BOE Report

Welcome to Fall.....

### **New Groups**

Our school year continues to run smoothly with gratitude to the hard work of the administrative team. Much planning goes into scheduling and it has paid off. We did make some changes at BMS with students' schedules. We realized our class cohorts were not heterogeneously balanced. Policy #6152 states, "It is the policy of the Board of Education that grouping and placement decisions be based exclusively on educational considerations and that their primary goal is to promote the best educational interests of the students in question" and Policy # 6171.1 states, "The school system shall strive to include students with disabilities, to the maximum extent appropriate in supported, heterogeneous, age-appropriate, student-centered classrooms". After this discovery and consult with the superintendent, the administration moved quickly, making the necessary scheduling changes with teacher input, changes in the computer, and then implementation of the new schedules, within one week's time. This is a testament to teamwork at its best.

### **Fiber Optics and VOIP phone system**

The long awaited fiber optic connection to CES has finally been completed and we are finalizing our own server upgrades to accommodate this. It has been a long 2.5 long years in the wait. At the August Facility Committee meeting, a motion was made and passed for the superintendent to move forward with a Department of Administrative Services (DAS) approved phone vendor because our current system is out of date and we finally finished the Fiber Optic project. It is my understanding that there is no need to do an RFP if the vendor is approved by the DAS, as that means they are already vetted by the State. We are looking to bring in a *Voice Over Internet Phone (VOIP)* system. This will save the district thousands of dollars. A little historical information: In October of 2016, we signed a contract with Schooley Mitchell and, free of charge, they did a phone audit in exchange with us to share any savings we reap from the audit and

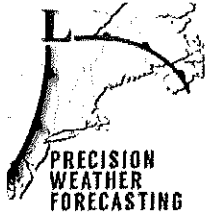
the new phone system, over the next three years. We were going to work with them to bring in a new phone system but have been waiting for fiber optics the whole time. Now the contract will run out at the end of October, 2019. So we will be moving forward with a new vendor and I am attending numerous meetings with numerous vendors, along with Ryan DeMastro, our technology contact and Tom Millerd, the Director of Facilities. This is a large purchase, between \$30,000 - \$60,000. We intend to use CIP money from line item 5000, Technology upgrades, with an accumulated balance of \$82,123.

### **Precision Weather Forecasting**

I have signed up for a 90-day trial with Precision Weather Forecasting Incorporated. During a 45 minutes conference call, I spoke with the owner of the company at length. This company provides weather forecasting specifically for Canterbury. This is extremely important during the winter months. Last year we used a different service, via the EASTCONN; that service is available that to us for a fee. However two other surrounding superintendents are trying this company, on the 90-day trial basis. If at the end of 90 days we like the service, we can then choose to use them. I am impressed with the level of detail they offer with regard to weather in Canterbury. I will leave it up to the interim superintendent and the Board of Education to make the decision whether to purchase the service or not.

### **Strategic Planning Adventure Continues**

Our strategic planning adventure continues on October 10th with a full day planned working with Isobel Stevenson along with the administrative team and our instructional rounds leaders. We will also be gathering input from all high school students using a paper survey that is given on the bus ride and collected on the bus ride. We hope to gain insights from our past students. In addition, we will hold our last stakeholder input session on October 28th from 6 to 7 p.m. We are looking for former students who attended Canterbury Public Schools to come back and talk to us about what worked and what didn't work and how well they were prepared for their High School season. If you know of any high school students who would like to participate in this student panel please have them contact the superintendent.



## SNOW & ICE Storm Warning

Prepared for:

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Date:

Time: 02:00 AM

By:

Consult With Your Meteorologist at: 1-844-PWF-CALL (793-2255)

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**Snow By:** 4am – 6am  
**Ice By:** 9am – 11am  
**Rain By:**  
**1" Snowfall By:** 3pm – 5pm  
**Total Snowfall Accumulation:** 5 – 7 inches ON PAVEMENTS  
**Duration of Storm:** 18 – 22 hours  
**Post Storm Conditions:** Windy (blowing snow), afternoon melting, overnight re-freeze of untreated surfaces

TODAY (Saturday)	WEATHER	AMOUNT (inches)	TEMP. (°F)	WIND (mph)
MID. – 6am	Overcast, SW- developing 4am-6am	Little, if any, late	33 - 36	N at 5-10
6am – NOON	SW- mixing with ZR- at times by 9am-11am	Little snow, ICY SPOTS	32 - 35	N at 8-15, Gusting 20-25
NOON – 6pm	SW-/ZR- mix to S- by 1-3pm	1 – 2 inches	31 - 33	NE at 13-18, Gusting 20-30
6pm – MID.	S- becoming S by 7-9pm	3 – 5 inches	28 - 31	N at 18-25, Gusting 30-40
<b>Special Notes</b>	Morning snow showers melt but air / pavement temperatures fall and wet untreated surfaces develop ICY SPOTS by 9-11am. A steady accumulating snow develops 1-3pm and becomes blowable this evening when near 1/2" rates can occur at times.			

TOMORROW (Sunday)	WEATHER	AMOUNT (inches)	TEMP. (°F)	WIND (mph)
MID. – 6am	S becoming non-accumulating SW- and ending by 1-3am	Less than 1 inch early	26 - 29	NW at 17-23, Gusting 30-35
6am – NOON	Clouds break to sunshine		26 - 33	NW at 15-20, Gusting 25-35
NOON – 6pm	Mostly sunny (daytime melting)		33 - 35	NW at 13-17, Gusting 23-33
6pm – MID.	Mostly clear (watch for re-freeze)	Re-Freeze / ICY SPOTS	25 - 33	NW at 10-15
<b>Special Notes</b>	Snow becomes non-accumulating and ends 1-3am. Strong winds blow snow onto the pavements through the afternoon. Above freezing afternoon temperatures cause some snow melt with a re-freeze of untreated surfaces this evening, so watch for icy spots.			

Monday	WEATHER	HIGH TEMP. (°F)
<b>Overall Forecast</b>	AM sun to PM clouds, S- developing 3-5pm, becoming S/S+ at night	31 F

Next Update: 8:00 AM