Carbondale Attendance Center

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USD 434 Board Members,

We are wrapping up another full month for everyone at CAC.

Fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) has wrapped up at CAC. As stated last month, academic data we collect will help staff evaluate placement and scaffolding for students needing additional supports. The data collected will be evaluated by junior high staff during the time in our late start Monday (November 9th) in professional development led by teachers at CAC.

The morning routines that were revised to keep us all safe are working well, and we have adjusted to the new normal. Student-read daily announcements including the Charger Code of Conduct (at the suggestion of a student) have been added to our routines.

We had a boil order from the City of Carbondale, and made arrangements for bottled Culligan water coolers to be installed within 24 hours of the notice. The boil order was lifted, and we have since had two new permanent water bottle fillers installed to help keep us all hydrated.

Per Board of Education direction, junior high staff have looked at options for launching combined instruction platforms if needed. Teaching staff have been integral in problem-solving process for these possible solutions, and I thank them for their hard work meeting with building and district administrators on this. Elementary staff have really drilled down on the implementation of Comprehensive Literacy in our fourth and fifth grade classes. Melanie Wallace has been crucial to a successful implementation at CAC — many thanks to her.

Parent-Teacher Conferences went well, giving staff the time and opportunity to speak with parents about their students' progress.

Fall sports are complete, and Winter sports (girls basketball and wrestling) are well underway. Team pictures for the Fall sports that were missed due to remote learning will be taken with the Winter sports team photos and be made available. The health and safety of everyone while attending events continues to be our top priority, and overall everyone involved is cooperating with the safety requirements. Some events have been cancelled and/or changed due to the other school dealing with their health concerns, but so far we have not had those problems at CAC.

K.A.Y has their annual charity food drive coming up, and we are working with Ms. Amborski to revise procedures for the food drive to keep things safe. The annual Book Fair is wrapping up after a successful week in the library – hats off to Ms. McKitterick for her hard work on that.

With Halloween now in the rearview we are moving steadily forward toward Thanksgiving, the end of the second quarter, and winter break in the not-too-distant future.

Respectfully submitted,

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