

Superintendent's Report Orange Public Schools “Good to Great”



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- The origins of Black History Month were provided to all schools in order to teach all students of the background centered on this historical time of year. The following is a snapshot of the background provided to all schools to begin this intellectual journey. Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976.
- The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. From the event's initial phase, primary emphasis was placed on encouraging the coordinated teaching of the history of American blacks in the nation's public schools. The expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month was first proposed by the leaders of the Black United Students at [Kent State University](#) in February 1969. The first celebration of the Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, in February 1970.

The Orange Township Public Schools Celebrates Black History Month

- In 1976 as part of the United States Bicentennial, the informal expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the U.S. government. President Gerald Ford spoke in regards to this, urging Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.
- The Orange Township Public School District is proud to share that each school has enriching events that celebrate the accomplishments of African-Americans throughout history. The programs put in place by each school community are thought filled as well as historically stimulating.

The 100th Day of School

February 23, 2021

- The Office of the Superintendent of Schools is pleased to announce that the 100th Day of School is this Thursday, February 23, 2020.
- The 100th Day of School is truly a milestone for the school district.
- Schools traditionally celebrate the 100th Day through activities aligned to the number 100.
- Join me in congratulating our hard working students, staff, and families as we celebrate the 100th Day of School.

District Facilities Updates

SY 2020-2021



Edwin Vasquez
Manager of Security
February 9, 2021

District Facility Maintenance & Custodial Services Update

- Thorough Cleaning Daily and Disinfecting of all touch points in the building (examples include but not limited to door handles, Bathrooms, entrances, exits, and banisters)
- Minor and major repairs to our heating units and pumps
- Winter Walk-through of all school district facilities
- PCI and District Meeting based on Updates related to COVID-19 mandates and expectations
- Preparation for the snow and ice mix that occurred on January 26, 2021 (Though minor ice and snow occurred.)
- Preparation for the Nor'ester that took place on February 1 and 2, 2021 as well as the clean up from the storm on Sunday, February 7, 2021.



451 Lincoln Avenue Administration Building

- Minor Floor Repair
- Floor was patched temporarily with quick dry cement. To prevent any trips and falls and more damage.
- Location of tiles is occurring now and will be updated accordingly (trip hazard is now gone)

Warehouse condensation pump

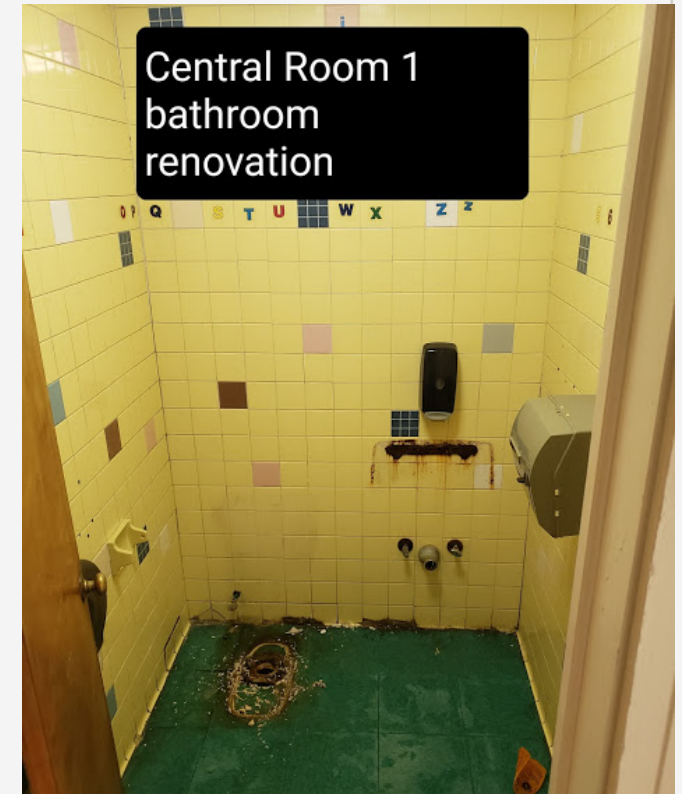
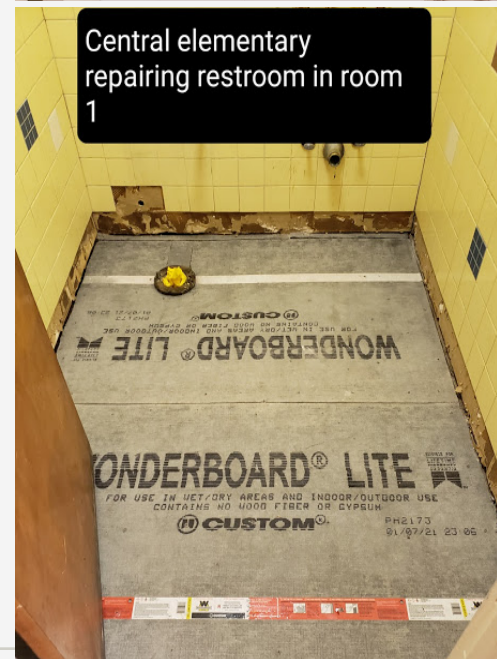
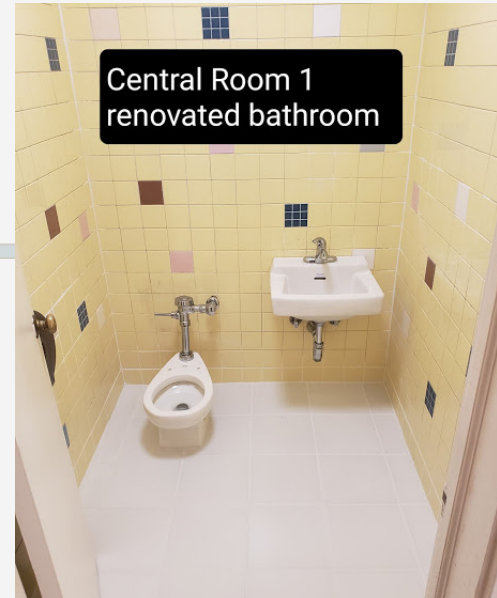


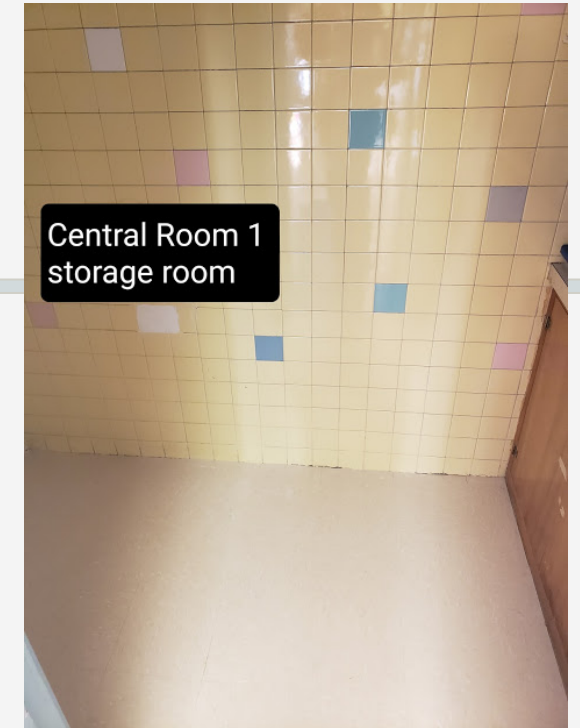
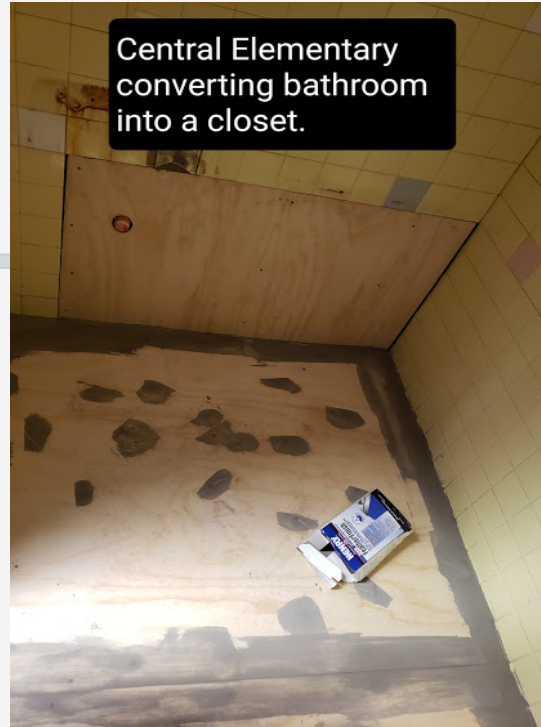
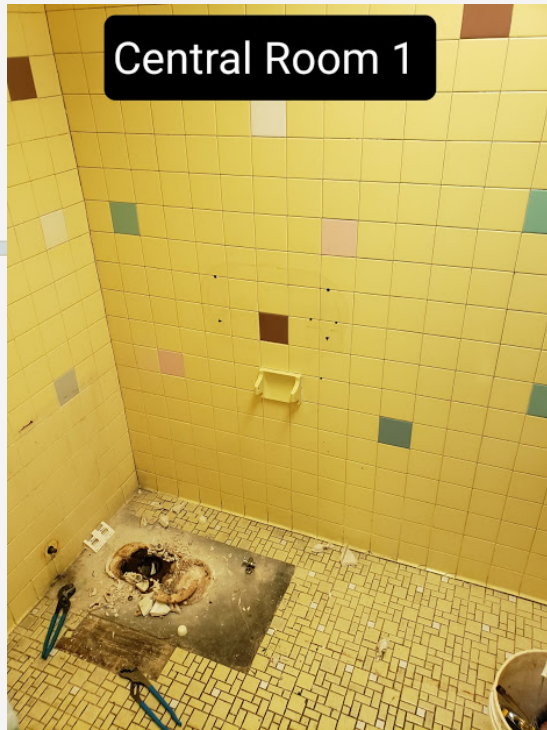
497 Monroe Street District Warehouse

- The condensation pump to the boiler needs to be repaired
- The pump is on back order and a further update next month will be given. In house repair through PCI will take place.

Central Elementary School

- Room 1 District conducted a bathroom renovation
- Room 1 with a major problem toilet was leaking into the computer room in the basement previously. Tour was conducted by Mr. Vasquez and Dr. Fitzhugh to determine the immediate need.
- Broken Pipes were replaced with copper pipes.
- Old damage floors were removed, and new ceramic tile were installed
- New toilet and sink were installed



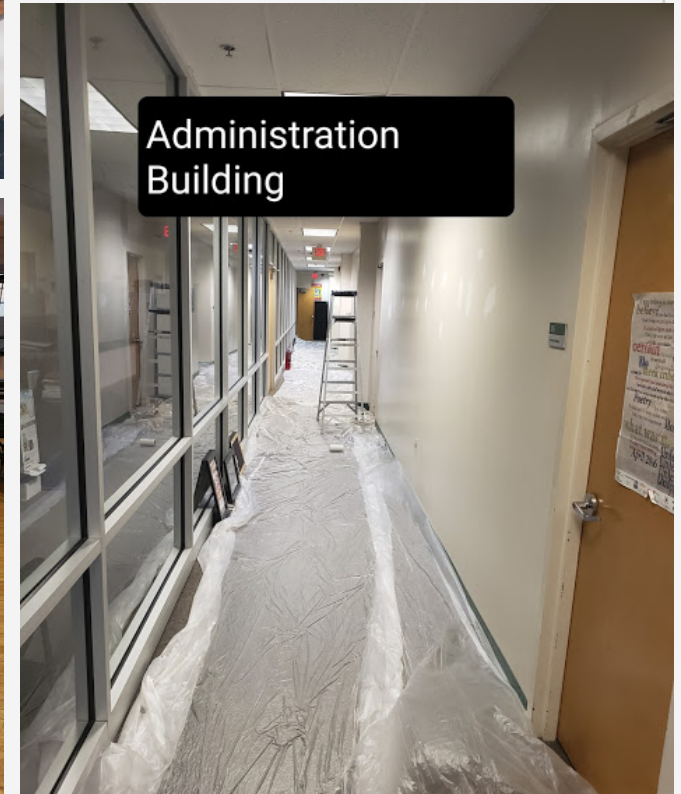


CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Room 1: The 2nd bathroom was converted into a closet given the teacher more storage space

Continued Painting Throughout the District

- We are taking advantage of this time to continuously keep all of our buildings looking their very best. This was accomplished ensuring our walls were cleaned and painted as needed. The purpose is to keep the buildings bright and welcoming to provide a great learning environment.





STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges


- At our STEM building, we had two of our heating unit blowers break down
- PCI has installed two new blowers.



Repairing Boiler at STEM

STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges

- Our boiler at the STEM School needed some repair. One of the boiler sections cracked causing a leak.
- We had to contract Pennetta and Sons – Mechanical to repair the boiler.



OHS hot water tank

Orange High School

- The hot water tank in the boiler room of OHS pipe rusted out
- PCI has replaced the rusted pipe with new cast iron pipe

Orange High School

- Pictures of the Extension of Orange High School via the School Development Authority's Project.
- The purpose is to show the progress made and continuing to current.





Orange High School

- Exterior Pictures
- Top Picture denotes the library
- Bottom Picture denotes the classrooms as well as the gymnasium
- And yes, we will need to discuss the naming of the gymnasium at the next meeting.





Orange High School

- Pictures of the first floor



ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

Pictures of the 2nd floor



Orange High School

- New Mechanical
- New Air Handlers



Cleveland Elementary School

- Exterior Pictures of 355 Cleveland Street
- Brockwell & Carrington have started the asbestos abatement.
- Once that is completed the project will start progressing and they will be able to start working inside the existing building.
- Reminder, there will be an extension to the swing space due to the need for further construction as shared at the last facilities meeting.



Update on the Reopening of Schools



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The Updated Plan for Phases II through IV

- **Continuation of Phase 2 through February 26, 2021:** Schools will be open two days per week with Principals, Assistant Principals/ Deans of Students and secretaries reporting on-site to maintain the fidelity and continuity of programming. Central Office will be open 4 days per week. To note: Department Heads will discuss scheduling with their teams. Special Note: Technology Coordinators and those testing students in the area of Special Services will receive schedules for in district support from their immediate supervisor.
- The Week of February 22nd, teachers and support staff will report to the buildings to fine tune their areas in anticipation of student arrival on March 1, 2021. A message about next week is going out to all staff by week's end. Staff, stay tuned for that.
- **Phase 4, March 1, 2021 – June 24, 2021:** All staff and students return in a hybrid setting (combining on-site and remote learning) with staggered schedules.
- **If you have not answered my request regarding if you want your child to return on March 1st or you are opting for remote learning, email reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us**
- **Reminder: If you opted out and change your mind, two weeks before the end of the Marking Period Three, you may send in a request. We have already scheduled students for Phase IV.**
- *Based on guidance from the Governor's Office and Health Officials, dates can always change.

District Updates

- As you know, we continue to provide breakfast and lunch to our school community. With that being said, we have distributed over 120,000 meals since March 17th. Continue to come out and grab a meal students.
- Reminder: School is NOT over at 12:30 PM. In fact we have office hours for additional support. Asynchronous assignments are placed in Google Classroom for additional support. Let's not take this lightly. Instruction is paramount during these times and beyond...Cameras being on as discussed at the Curriculum Committee Meetings as well as the November 10th, December 8th and January 12th Board Meetings are mandated. If there is a camera malfunctioning issue, please reach out to reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us so we can connect you with your child's principal.

District Updates

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Pre-K through Grade 7 5:30 PM-7:30 PM (February 8, 2021)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Pre-K through Grade 7 1:15 PM-4:00 PM (February 9, 2021)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Grade 8 through Grade 12 1:15 PM-4:00 PM (February 10, 2021)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Grade 8 through Grade 12 5:30 PM-7:30 PM (February 11, 2021)

District Updates

- Special thank you to the Orange High School and STEM Innovation Staff and Students for being ever so present for the administration of the PSAT 11. The preparation was seamless. Students were excited to see their teachers/support staff members and vice versa. Thank you to Supervisors Tafur and Burnett as well as Director Harris for ensuring that testing would be in readiness for our students to excel. The same kudos apply for the students and staff who have come in Science Labs at the high school level as well as for the Driver's Education Examination. Not to mention support with kiosks district wide.

District Updates-Scholarship Update

- **Scholarship Updates:** As of this time and date, the following are the secured scholarship amounts for STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges and Orange High School (**District Goal One-21st Century Integration**)
- As of January 17th
- **OHS - \$2,048,000**
- **STEM - \$1,883,000**
- **Total-\$3,931,000**

District Updates-Scholarship Update

- **December 21st, the following scholarship numbers were shared with me:**
- **OHS-1,520,000**
- **STEM-\$1,118,000**
- **Total-\$2,638,000**
- **We have increased our scholarship awards by 1,293,000.00 in three weeks.**
- **Orange High School has increased by \$528,000.00 since December 21st listing**
- **STEM has increased by \$765,000.00 since December 21st listing**

Scholarships for the Graduating Class of 2021

- As of February 8, 2021, the following are acquired scholarships for seniors in the Class of 2021:
- OHS - \$3,242,500
- STEM - \$2,327,000
- Grand Total: 5,769,000.00
- From January 17, 2021, there was an increase of 1,838,000. Remember, we had a grand total of 3,931,000.00 across both of our high schools.
- The administration will continue to provide an update regarding scholarships throughout the Winter and Spring 2021.

District Updates-Scholarship Update

STEM
Bloomfield College
Copperman Scholarship Foundation
Kean University
New Jersey City University
Rider University
Seton Hall University
Wilkes University
OHS
Bloomfield - International Scholarship
Centenary University
Cooperman Scholarship Foundation
Johnson and Wales University
Kean University
New England College
Rider University
Seton Hall University
University of Pittsburg

Orange Township Public School District COVID-19 Dashboard



Student Enrollment

Total enrollment as of 1/22/2021: 5,161
 Central Elementary School: 309
 Cleveland Street School: 299
 Forest Street Community School: 400
 Heywood Avenue School: 254

State Guidelines for the Reopening of Schools

Local health departments should maintain close communication with school officials in their community to provide information and share resources on COVID-19 transmission, prevention, and control measures and to establish procedures for LHD notification and response to COVID-19 illness in school settings. LHDs should identify designated points of

Weekly Summary by School (February 8, 2021)

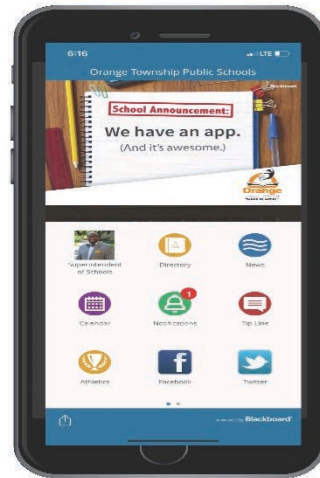
Central Elementary School	Cleveland Street	Forest Street Community	Heywood Avenue
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Positive 0	Positive 0	Positive 0	Positive 0
Lincoln Avenue	Oakwood Avenue Community	Park Avenue	Rosa Parks Community
Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0
Positive 0	Positive 0	Positive 0	Positive 0
Orange Preparatory Academy	Orange High School	STEM Innovation Academy	Twilight Program
Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0
Positive 0	Positive 0	Positive 0	Positive 0
John Robert Lewis ECC	Orange Early Childhood Center	Scholars Academy	Central Office
Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0	Quarantine 0
Positive 0	Positive 0	Positive 0	Positive 0

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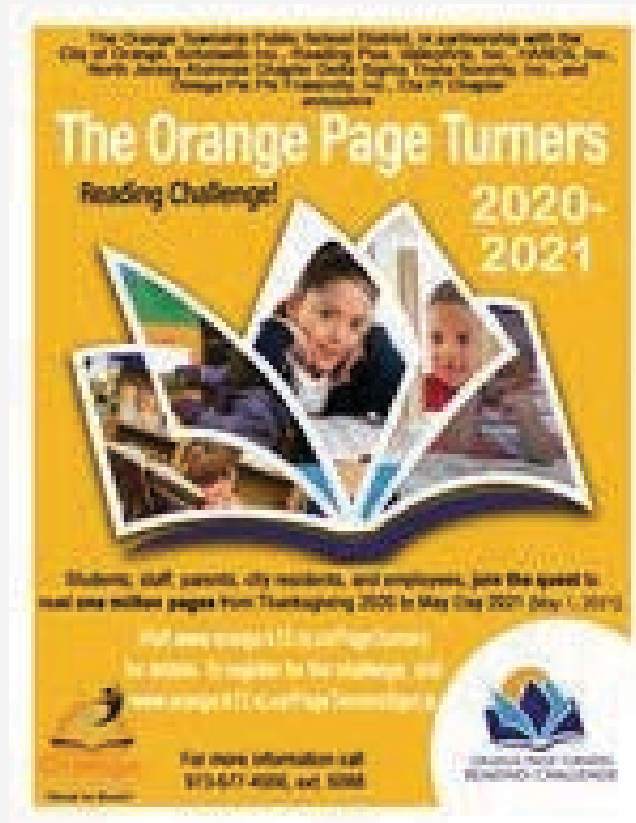
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Orange Page Turners SY 2020-2021 Reading Challenge



- Students, staff, parents, city residents, and employees, join the quest to read one million pages began on Thanksgiving Day 2020 to May 1, 2021. To register for the challenge visit [www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page Turners Sign Up](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us/PageTurnersSignUp). Come on Team Orange Public Schools, you can do it!

Genesis Parent Portal Reminder

Orange Township Public School District Genesis Parent Portal

To continue to provide families with the most up to date information we are launching registration for the Genesis Parent Portal. When you are a part of the portal:

- You can view your child's grades in real-time
- Receive important information from the district



Sign up today for a Genesis Parent Portal account. If you have an account and your contact information changed (phone number, email address, etc.) you are encouraged to fill out the form.

Find registration links in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole at:
www.orange.k12.nj.us/genesislaunch.



- Have you signed up for the Genesis Parent Portal? Parents are able to see grades and assignments posted in real time. Should any concerns regarding the portal be directed to reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us.

Reminder: District News-Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go Update

Please be reminded of food locations beginning at 7:30 AM and concluding at 1:30PM

- Rosa Parks Community School
- Lincoln Avenue School
- Forest Street Community School
- Scholars Academy

District News-Breakfast/Lunch Grab and Go Update

Please be reminded of food locations beginning at 7:30 AM and concluding at 1:30PM

- Heywood Avenue School
- Orange Early Childhood Center
- Park Avenue School
- Oakwood Avenue Community School
- Once we enter Phase IV, all locations will be open for Grab and Go Service.



Reminders to the School Community

- For further supports, please be reminded that we still answer emails via reopeningofschools@orange.k12.nj.us for questions or concerns during this pandemic period as it relates to any facet of the plan or support needed. Responses will be generated within 24-48 hours of receipt.
- It is encouraged that you continue to visit our district COVID-19 Resources Tab on the district website www.orange.k12.nj.us for additional resources for families on mental health as well as updates on self care for students, families, and staff. We have posted instructional supports within the COVID-19 Resource Tab for your assistance. As you are aware, we update our COVID-19 Resource Tab weekly in the effort of providing further supports for our school community. Thank you to the Trauma Informed Team for supporting this work since March 17th.

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