



### Facilities team studies options

The Facilities Planning Committee, led by Capital Region BOCES Facilitator Joe Dragone, spent its first two meetings gathering information about the past, present and potential future of the district's buildings. At future meetings, the committee will start to narrow down decisions on how to move forward and a timeline for doing so.

At the November meeting, BCA Architects & Engineers shared information about a Building Condition Survey they did this fall. The survey found that there is \$20.5 million in immediate needs that must be done to keep the district's buildings up to code and safe enough to continue operating.

A range of other topics were discussed, including the need



to consider a bus garage and athletic fields, state aid and loan terms lengths for renovations versus new construction, and the savings associated with consolidating all operations into one building versus continuing with two buildings.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m. at Mountain View Campus in Elizabethtown. For more information, visit [boquetvalleycsd.org/facilities-committee](http://boquetvalleycsd.org/facilities-committee)

### District leader earns doctorate

Congratulations to Superintendent Joshua Meyer for completing his Doctor of Education degree in November!

At Sage Graduate School Educational Leadership Research



Colloquium, Dr. Meyer and two colleagues gave a presentation called "System Leadership, Educational Resource Management, and Professional Learning," which was said to be outstanding by attendees.

### Superintendent Message: Dr. Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,



I'm pleased to see the progress being made by the

Facilities Planning Committee. The committee is made up of representatives of various stakeholder groups including teachers, students, parents and members of our community. It's energizing to see such productive, solution-oriented conversation around such an important topic for our community's children. Because this committee's work will have significant impacts for everyone in our region, my goal is to encourage all to participate in and follow the process closely. Starting at our November meeting, we will record each meeting then make the recordings available on our website along with notes and presentation slides from each meeting. To explore these resources, go to [boquetvalleycsd.org/facilities-committee](http://boquetvalleycsd.org/facilities-committee)

Sincerely,  
Dr. Joshua R. Meyer

## Mountain View Top 5

### 1 Quarterly Assembly

At our Quarterly Assembly, we celebrated Honor Roll, Gold Card, and Griffin Growth award winners. Congratulations to the middle school and high school gold card winners for the first quarter. Sending out a big thank

you to our Gold Card

Sponsors: Kinney's, TOPS, Denton's Bear Necessities, OASIS and Stewart's.



### 2 Essential Skills Turkey

Throughout the month of November, Mountain View students were able to earn feathers to be added to our Griffin Turkey when demonstrating one of the 6 CFES essential skills of Teamwork, Leadership, Networking, Goal Setting, Agility and

Perseverance. One feather was randomly chosen in each category and the student whose feather was chosen earned a bag of Griffin Swag.

### 3 NJHS Food Drive

The Junior National Honor Society is running a food drive. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted through Dec. 17. The Jr. NHS will bring the donations to the Elizabethtown Community Food Shelf. Thanks to all who donate to this worthy cause that does so much to help our community!

### 4 Family/Teacher Conferences

We were thrilled to have an amazing turnout for the Parent/Teacher Conferences held in November. Thank you to everyone who attended! We appreciate the time and effort it takes to come out for these events. They are so important for creating a strong school-home bond that supports our students and ensures they have all they need to succeed and grow.

### 5 College Visits on Campus

Career, college, military, oh my! Mountain View Giffins who are interested in attending college got the chance to meet with several post-secondary institutions in November. Representatives from SUNY Potsdam, SUNY Plattsburgh and North Country Community College visited Mountain View Campus and gave students information about potential paths for their future.



## Lake View Top 5

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### Spirit Week

Students and staff participated in Spirit Week during the final full week of November. The week started with flannel day, followed by anything but a backpack day. On Wednesday, students dressed like a teacher. The week concluded with Griffin spirit day and pajama day. All of the events tie into the motto of Climate of Celebration.

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### Griffin Guardian Alliance Family Movie Night

The school's Griffin Guardian Alliance sponsored a Family Movie Night that was attended by more than 30 students and their families. The school cafeteria provided pizza and salad before everyone settled in for the 2028 version of "The Grinch." Our school is proud to partner with the GGA on year-round events. Next up is Family Holiday Night on Friday, Dec. 6.



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### Innovative School Summit

Six district staff attended the Innovative School Summit in Chicago, IL. This trip is completely paid for through the OASIS grant and this is the fourth year our district has been able to participate. The conference is described as the nation's top K-12 education conference that brings together internationally recognized thought leaders, administrators, teachers, and consultants to share innovative best practices and research-based methodologies in an engaging, inspiring event.

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### Family/Teacher Conference

On Monday, November 25th, the Lake View Campus was opened for families to meet with teachers to comprehensively learn about their child's progress this school year. Because of the implementation of a new ELA curriculum and reading intervention program, we are lucky to have data-rich conversations.

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### Student Council

The elementary student council is underway and has started by meeting with representatives from the school cafeteria. The group of students has chosen to undertake looking into alternative lunch options. Next, they hope to present at the Board of Education meeting in December before looking into ways to support our monthly assemblies.

## Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

At Lake View Campus, we proudly uphold our motto: “Climate of Celebration, Culture of Accountability.” November was filled with highlights that showcase our commitment to these values. For example, Spirit Week brought joy and connection. Thank you, Lake View families, for your incredible support and active involvement in our school community. Your enthusiasm during events like Spirit Week, Family Movie Night, and conferences strengthens our partnership and creates a vibrant learning environment. As we approach winter break, let’s stay energized and focused on achieving great things together!



## Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

As we move into the colder weather, I want to take a moment to emphasize the critical role attendance plays in our students’ success. We are a close-knit community where every student matters. When they are in school regularly, students are more likely to stay engaged with their learning, and it helps them foster important relationships with their teachers and peers. Class discussions and collaborative activities help deepen a student’s understanding of what they’re learning. Each day is a building block toward their academic and social growth. Let’s all work together to create an atmosphere of positivity and commitment that inspires our students to show up and shine.



## Welcome, Mrs. Zimmerman!

Welcome to new Asst. Principal Mrs. Zimmerman!

Kelly Zimmerman has officially joined the school district as the new assistant principal of health and wellness. She will split her time between our two campuses, supporting Mr. Kyler and Mrs. Dixon-Cross in the overall administration of our schools along with some specific focuses.

Mrs. Zimmerman will play a key role in maintaining a safe, healthy, and productive learning environment, implementing school policies, and fostering positive relationships with students, staff and parents. She will help with Response to Intervention (RTI) strategies, which help students who need



extra support. She’ll facilitate restorative practices, a framework that encourages students to make connections and find healthy ways to deal with conflict. She’ll

also work to promote a positive culture, help with discipline, support the counseling team, and collaborate with the athletic director.

After living in the Rochester area for many years, Mrs. Zimmerman is thrilled to move back to the area where she grew up and was a counselor for 22 summers at Pok-O-MacCready Camps. A native of Peru, most of her friends and family are in the North Country, and she loves being able to hike and go on day-trip adventures.

**Mrs. Z’s schedule**  
*Lake View Campus:*  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays  
*Mountain View Campus:*  
Wednesdays, Thursdays

## Snow day ready

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! As wintry weather begins to set in, please make sure the school district has the most up-to-date phone number for you so you will receive ParentSquare messages about delays and closings. We also share info about delays and closings on [boquetvalleycsd.org](http://boquetvalleycsd.org), the district’s Facebook page, and with WPTZ and the local radio stations. For more information, go to [boquetvalleycsd.org/school-closings](http://boquetvalleycsd.org/school-closings)