

Our Path to First Choice No.37
2018/19

Everyone,

Two weeks of school remaining. We are revving up to slowdown. Here's Path Note No. 37.

Our Path Topic

This week's Path Note is a little different. This message came out about Foster Care.

Dear Colleague:

May is National Foster Care Month! For 2019, we are featuring exciting work happening here in Pennsylvania on higher education access for youth in foster care, also known as "Foster Care to College."

Youth with experience in foster care have low college enrollment rates and low college graduation rates. While 70 percent of foster youth express a desire to go to college, fewer than 20 percent ever enroll. Foster youth attending college graduate at a rate of fewer than 10 percent.

The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, & Research at the University of Pennsylvania has laid the groundwork to facilitate a statewide movement to make higher education more accessible and successful for youth leaving the foster care system.

Through the work of the Field Center, 17 colleges and universities across Pennsylvania now have comprehensive campus support programs committed to supporting foster care youth, which address common barriers for foster youth including food and housing insecurities, academic tutoring, and financial assistance.

Find out which "foster friendly" colleges and universities are in your communities in the Field Center's "Campus Programming Directory for Foster Youth," found here:

<https://fieldcenteratpenn.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2018-DIRECTORY-FINAL.pdf>.

We encourage you to share this information and resource with your school counselors and any other professionals advising youth on college and career pathways.

For National Foster Care Month, let us take a moment to recognize that we can each play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care.

Never underestimate the profound impact remaining in one's school of origin can have on a foster child. Thank you for your ongoing work and collaboration in providing educational stability for youth in foster care in Pennsylvania.

Find out more about National Foster Care Month here:

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/>

Find the Field Center's Foster Care to College Resource Library here:

<https://fieldcenteratpenn.org/fostercaretocollege/>

Best wishes,

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More to come on First Choice!

Board Information and Policy Updates

- Next School Board Meetings
 - May 28th at 7PM is the next Regular Board Meeting.

You may check out District policies by going to this

site: <https://www.boarddocs.com/pa/wayn/Board.nsf/Public>

Your Health

Attached you will find a couple of upcoming health concerns.

More about the Budget

Attached is May's Dollars & Sense

A Challenge for You

Does the United States Constitution provide for a public education?

Piece of the Puzzle

Nominated for Piece of the Puzzle this week was a third grade teacher because of parent commendations. Brian Lorusso is this week's Piece of the Puzzle. Here is what has been said about Brian. "Mr. Lorusso deserves recognition for being an outstanding teacher to our 3rd grade students. He interacts with his students, is active in classroom lessons and encourages them to try their best. Mr. Lorusso is a great role model for his students and shows them empathy, compassion, patience and support. Mr. Lorusso communicates well with parents and responds to emails in a timely manner. Sure, Mr. Lorusso may have been lucky to receive a great class list this year but his teaching style and personality greatly contributes to the behavior of his students and environment of the classroom. Mr. Lorusso was attentive to students and parents during a recent field trip and has demonstrated excellent communication and compassion in relation to a student's 504 plan. Summitview is lucky to have him at our school"! If you see Brian today, congratulate him for being a Piece of the Puzzle.

***Challenge Answer (Important to Know)**

Since the Constitution grants the Federal Government no authority over Education, the 10th Amendment applies: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”

Final Thoughts

- *Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.*—Aristotle
- *If a man neglects education, he walks lame to the end of his life.*—Plato
- *Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.*—Malcom X
- *The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.*—Abraham Lincoln
- *The object of basic education is the physical, intellectual and moral development of children through the medium of a handicraft.*—M. K. Gandhi
- *Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.*—Socrates
- *The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.*--Aristotle

Enjoy the rest of your week!

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