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### *Word from the Superintendent*



Last year our official PSSA results noted our school district was "Making Progress," and this year I am very proud to say that we made AYP, or Adequate Yearly Progress, for the first time! Thanks to the efforts of our teachers and staff, our students continue to demonstrate measurable learning gains. (See a list of [highlights from the data](#).)

The data also shows us areas for continued improvement. As we work toward the goal of complete proficiency and beyond for every student, we have to examine and refine what works and adjust for students who aren't yet finding success.

These results remind us we are here for student learning, and the path we are taking is the right one. We will continue on that path of learning when students return to the classrooms August 31. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer!

- Joe Padasak

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### *Graduation Photos Available Online*



A photo gallery of the 2009 commencement at Chambersburg Area Senior High School is available at [www.chambersburg.k12.pa.us/cashs/2009graduation](http://www.chambersburg.k12.pa.us/cashs/2009graduation).

### *Bus Policy Affects Pick-Up and Drop-Off*

Parents and guardians are reminded that the district's busing policy will allow for different morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off locations this school year, but the arrangement must be for five consecutive days. For complete details, see this [letter from the CASD Transportation Department](#).



## Curriculum Connections



Every single CASD teacher and instructional leader is involved in some form of professional development this summer. This unprecedented level of summer work focused on student learning demonstrates our commitment to the completion of a Standards-Based Curriculum in each department, subject, and grade level. This is Side #1 of the student learning triangle.

Side #2 focuses on common assessments that will solidify use of the curriculum. Currently, the plan to connect Side #1 and Side #2 is the use of common weekly team and grade level times to support learning communities. The teams will use the curriculum to create assessments. Special schedules and professional development philosophies are being crafted to allow teachers to work collaboratively on making connections between the curriculum and assessments.

Side #3 focuses on instruction where the "rubber meets the road." A world-class curriculum with common assessments is only as good as the instruction and learning that takes place in the classroom. The art and science of instruction is precision work that requires highly professional teachers to understand and learn with and through others, and we're excited about our continuous improvement efforts and unwavering focus on student learning!

## Watt's Up by Connie Kelley, CASD Energy Manager



Did you know that for every degree you lower your air conditioning temperature, the energy costs rise by 3% to 6%? A temperature setting of 75° costs 18% more; 72° costs 36% more! Your body can acclimate to higher A/C settings ... try adding a degree every couple of days.

For additional energy savings tips, as well as for a district-wide energy savings update, recycling news about aluminum can tabs, juice pouches, and paper, and a list of recent energy conservation employee winners, see [Watt's Up for July](#).

Plus, find out which of our buildings rang up the most energy savings last month by reading the [June results](#).

**Our district has saved more than \$600,000 in energy costs compared with what we spent in previous years with no energy management and education. This equates**

to almost 1 mill in local taxes.

### *State Funding Adds Uncertainty to District Budget*



Because the state budget isn't yet finalized, we don't know how much funding CASD will receive this year. By law our school district budget had to be finalized and approved by the school board by the end of June. Our budget is based on the anticipated amount of state funding, which was sent to all PA school districts by the Department of Education. For Chambersburg, this amount is \$21,899,999, or approximately 22% of our total revenue.

To balance the 2009-2010 budget based on this anticipated state revenue, the following actions were taken:

- eliminate French program
- delay some textbook purchases
- restructure autistic support
- reduce special education support; personal care aide ratio to 1:3 instead of 1:1
- reduce art and music programs
- eliminate health services supervisor position
- reassign two reading specialist positions to fill classroom vacancies
- reassign elementary technology integrator position to fill classroom vacancy
- eliminate three special education support positions
- eliminate three copy room clerks (Faust, CAMS, CASHS)
- fill CAMS assistant principal position with long-term sub internally

If CASD receives less in state revenue than projected, additional program cuts may be necessary. These difficult cuts will be made by examining all areas not directly related to graduation requirements, including extracurricular programs, educational programs, and administrative and support services.

### *District Wins "Waste Watcher" Award*



Thanks to our recycling, waste reduction, and conservation efforts, CASD has been named a Waste Watcher award recipient by the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association, and Keystone Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America.

The Waste Watcher awards are given to recycling, waste reduction, reuse, and composting programs in Pennsylvania that have shown exemplary performance. This year, more than 70 municipalities, counties, private businesses, individuals, and community organizations are being recognized for their efforts. CASD is the only organization in Franklin County being acknowledged for its kaleidoscope of recycling, reduction, and reuse projects accomplished this past school year.

### *Web Wisdom*

Did you know you can export calendar information from any



CASD SchoolCenter calendar directly to your personal calendar? Have testing dates, school events, parent conferences, school board meetings, holidays, school closings, and more added to your Outlook account for a more complete calendar to start the year.

To do this, go to the district calendar or a school calendar and click on the "Export" button located at the top of the calendar. You will see options for exporting. Select "MS Outlook" for the events of your choice. The next screen allows you to choose which events you want to export to your calendar and the date range of your choice. Select the events and date range you want and click "Export." Your Outlook calendar will automatically be updated.

## District Calendar Review



Faust and CASHS band camps: 8/3 - 8/7  
 School board meeting: 8/12  
 CASHS new student orientation: 8/19  
 CAMS and Faust new student orientations: 8/20  
 School board meeting: 8/26  
 First day of school: 8/31

[Complete district calendar](#)



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[Personnel actions for July 22](#)

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