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Good evening!
This update will be brief !

1. The Board agenda for Tuesday night includes the typical organizational items that a BOE must vote on before January 10. Items are either required by the Ohio Revised Code or the DPS Board Policy.

The consultants on the agenda without a cost associated mostly are the result of the malfunction of the Business Plus Software on Friday. We will have a list of costs for you by Tuesday so that you will know what you will vote on January 16.

Many of the HR items are supplemental type contracts. There are a few new hires, but most of them are supplemental type payments. Many of them come out of the School Improvement Grant or Title 1 Grant.

2. We have the first meeting of the Facilities Task Force on Tuesday, January 9 from 9:30-11:00. The agenda includes a review of the district data that we have collected. I will make sure that you receive the same information Tuesday evening.

3. DPS has officially joined the Montgomery County ESC Business Advisory Group. The group has been meeting (Superintendents, Reps for the Superintendents and a consultant from MCEC) to develop the Ohio Department of Education Business Advisory Plan. They have been meeting monthly to write the plan, but after the plan is submitted in March, the meetings will be quarterly.

4. I am meeting with Phil Parker and Rick Stover on Friday to discuss the Accountability Panel and suggested changes they have for that group. We will also begin to plan out how best to rework the Contract with the Community. I will update you after the meeting to share the ideas they have and gain your input.

5. Tommy Owens met with me on Friday. He is suggesting that the BOE hire his firm to do the "grass roots" marketing for the district. He indicated a guess contract amount would be around \$45,000.00 and he requested that we agree to hire him for two years (\$90,000.00) if his company is hired. Please be prepared to weigh in with me on this idea. We currently have two PR people and we employ the Ohlmann Group.

6. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Principals, Counselors and some Assistant Principals will be in a master scheduling workshop. One thing that I found this year in working with Principals is that our master schedules are not good. To provide a great program for students, the master schedule must be appropriately developed. This workshop by PowerSchool/Pearson will do that. I am excited to see the upcoming changes.

7. Hiwot and I have our monthly review meeting with the Mayor and Shelley Dickstein on Wednesday. I am meeting with Bill Burges on Friday to discuss a strategic communications plan that will include recruiting our students back to DPS.

8. This coming weekend is Martin Luther King Weekend so there are numerous activities including the MLK Awards at Thurgood Marshall STEM High School on Friday night at 6:15; Parade on Monday at 10:00 AM; Banquet on Monday at 6:00 PM in the Convention Center. More activities are listed on the Dayton MLK site. Cherisse will be contacting you about the banquet. The district bought a table and a half page ad.

9. January 16 is a full day Professional Development Day. The Curriculum Team, OEC and the Mentor Teachers have put together a variety of PD's for staff. Please feel free to attend any of them on that day. If you need a list please contact Cherisse and we will get one to you.

10. January 17 and 18, we continue our Building Leadership training series. Those meetings are for building leadership team members and the principals. We do training in data, understanding the improvement process, and connecting the Marzano work with the daily work. Please let me know if you ever want to stop in and see the work.

Have a great week.

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