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Subject: Community meeting

I live in the Sheffield attendance area and have three children who have attended SAHS. Currently my youngest is a sophomore and any changes will directly affect her. My concerns are not for myself nor even the community but for all the students of the district including my daughter. My below email touches on some outside the box topics that my daughter has had positive first hand experience with. Although there hasn't been honors or AP classes are offered at SAHS there are many options now like virtual academy, dual enrollment and traveling into WAHS to take a class or two which some juniors and seniors currently do. With that said should things change to make learning better at all the schools. Absolutely!!! There are many ways to instruct learning to all students in the district and now more than ever using the latest technology could bridge the distance between the buildings without additional transporting of students. Thank you for your time and service to our community. Due to being out of town this evening if possible please add the below email be read during the public comments.

As I heard the first round of feedback at the last board meeting I emphasized with the issues at hand. There is a shortage of workers across the nation and businesses are left finding ways to create a more efficient work environment. I would like to touch on a couple areas I feel could be better utilized. Two years ago during Covid we proved that students could be taught remotely from their home while quarantined but what you may not know is two Sheffield students took a Warren High Algebra I honors class while in a Sheffield classroom. This allowed them to take an advanced class that year. I can see where this could be used to minimize preps by applying distance learning not only between buildings but also could be a hybrid for the virtual academy students. This would allow more teachers less preps in both core subjects and electives for students in current buildings and virtual students as well. We have a local college based Warren County built with this technology to deliver instruction between many different buildings that is not only successful but is growing to reach more students each year. The NPRC is one of multiple dual enrollment options available which is another area which is under utilized. My son was one of the first students to take a NPRC dual enrolled class and it was huge in preparing him for college. My middle daughter took advantage of the former Clarion online dual enrollment classes. Not only did she gain experience in learning what a syllabus was she took multiple business classes that helped her chose her career path. This fall 1 student was enrolled in a NPRC class and 3 in the PennWest Clarion dual enrollment classes. All 4 of these students are Sheffield students including my youngest daughter. There could be many more taking advantage of dual enrollment if it was part of the curriculum. The Career Center trains in a particular field and brings hands on learning. Those that choose a traditional college prep route do not currently have the opportunity to explore career fields. A successful student is one who finds meaning in their learning. Taking honors and/or AP classes in high school does not prepare a student for college in ways that an actual college class does. Expanding the current dual enrollment programs to broaden the student's experience with career opportunities would be a win win for both the district and the students.

Thank you,
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