

**Superintendent's Report – School Board**  
**Timothy Steinhauer, Ed.D.**  
**March 20, 2017**

**Unified Sports Bocce Team Presentation**

Tonight we are recognizing the high school's Unified Bocce Team on their successful first season. Last December, our Special Education Director Mr. Ken Cross, started the process of forming the team. Mt. Lebanon, along with five other Allegheny County schools, partnered with Special Olympics Pennsylvania to take part in a fully inclusive Unified Sports Indoor Bocce program this winter. The goal of this program was to create an environment where students with and without disabilities were able to compete in a competitive and inclusive environment while having the opportunity to build friendships, attend practices and competitions, be a part of a team, and most importantly, to have fun.

Our student athletes were required to take part in 90 minutes of practice per week while attending three bocce match competitions over a ten week season. Ms. Nicole Eshleman, a Personal Care Assistant at Washington Elementary School, was the District's coach and is commended for her outstanding performance and leadership with our student athletes. Congratulations to the team and their coach on their successful first season. When I call your name, please step forward so we can present you with a certificate of achievement.

**Lily Dalzell**

**Alex Demsky**

**Jessica Demsky**

**Robert Demsky**

**Jerry Rutledge**

**CJ Petruccelli**

**Giovanna Morello**

**Jack Broadhurst**

**Coach- Nicole Eshleman**

**Ken Cross**

## **REIMAGINING Our Elementary Libraries Announcement**

Elementary parents are invited to an informational meeting for the ***Dare to Dream: Reimagining Our Elementary Libraries*** initiative on March 21 at 7 p.m. in their school library. The event will be hosted by the principal and school librarian. This event will be an opportunity for parents to learn more about makerspaces and how they can become involved in the development of a makerspace in their school library.

This library initiative is made possible due to the generous initial gift of \$175,000 from Mt. Lebanon alumni and parents David and Noelle Conover to help establish a maker-centered learning space in each library to be named Matt's Maker Space after their son Matt who lost a courageous battle with cancer in 2002. The gift will be disbursed over a 3 year period, with each library receiving \$8,600 each year.

We hope you can join us to reimagine our elementary libraries as 21st Century learning centers. This initiative is part of our Century of Excellence Capital Campaign.

**Budget Update:** As we presented last week and posted on the district website, the current draft of next year's budget showed about a .53 mills difference between anticipated revenues and expenditures. Since that time, the administration has continued to work to refine revenues and expenditures. If the Board determines to move ahead with the bond refinancing as listed on the agenda - and the with about \$1M in additional reductions, we will be at .27 mills. This reduction of \$1M includes the reduction of 2 teachers along with some other operational efficiencies.

**This would put the millage rate increase at its lowest level in 5 years while making no significant reductions to programs or staff. It should also be noted that PSERS increase alone is .28 mills.**

We will continue to look for reductions, efficiencies, and refinement of projected revenues to ensure that we are giving the board the best possible information. The Board will continue to discuss the budget for the next couple of months.