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CHANGES MADE TO MSD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

BY TERRY ROGERS

After a lengthy discussion, changes were approved to the Milford School District Student Code of Conduct at a recent meeting. Much of the conversation surrounded the use of restorative practices as part of the discipline policy and whether they were effective in changing student behavior.

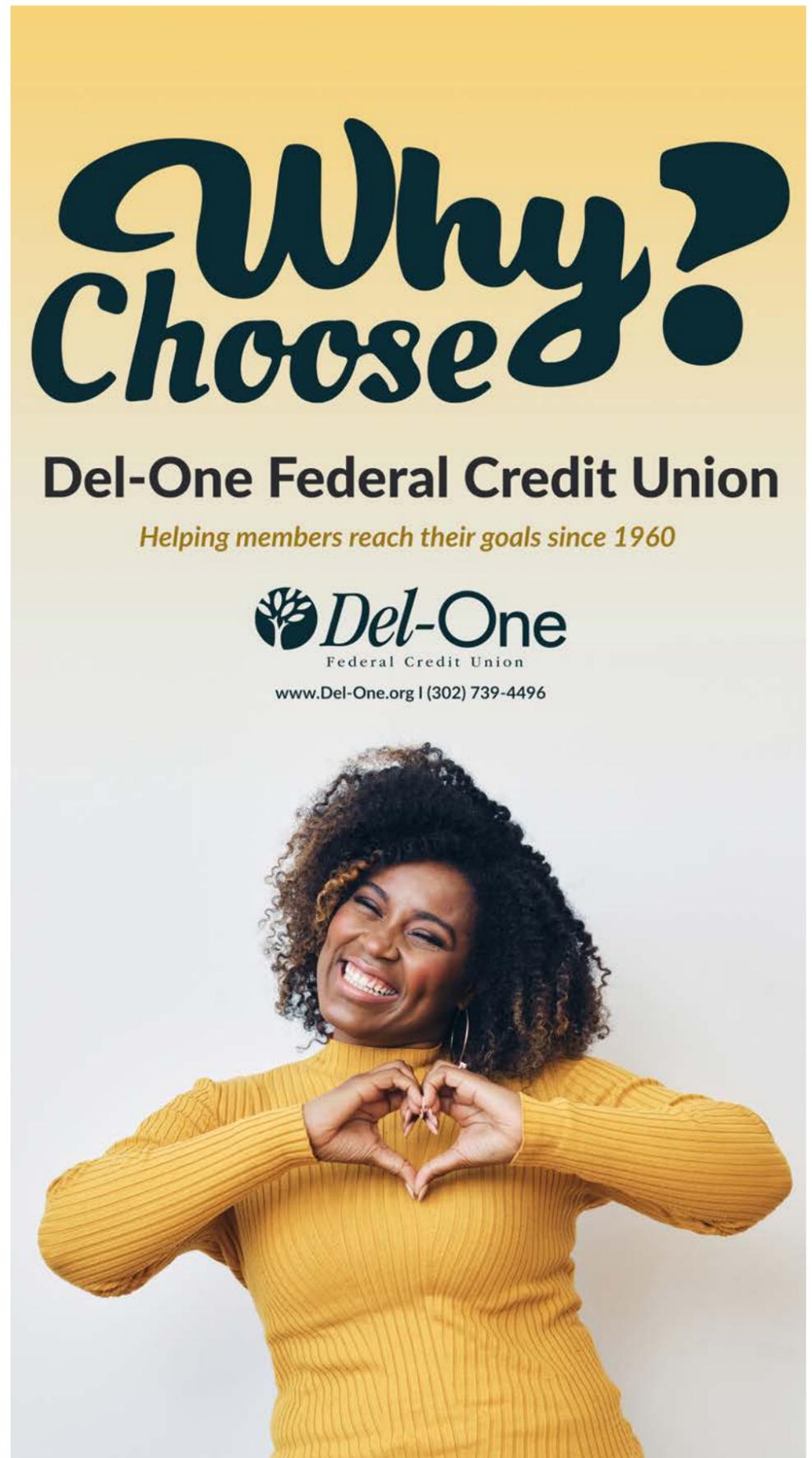
“Restorative practices are deliberate and intentional tools and strategies that facilitate the building of healthy relationships,” the policy reads for both elementary and secondary schools. “When individuals live in healthy relationships with others, there is abundant personal growth, capacity for character building and high-level achievement. We believe it is important for all students

and staff to build positive relationships with one another, as this produces the best academic, social and emotional outcomes.”

The policy continued that when harm occurs in the community, healing is a process essential to restoring healthy relationships with the understanding that harm-doers should be held accountable for and take an active role in repairing harm. Conflict is resolved through honest dialogue and collaborative problem-solving, while addressing the root cause and the needs of those impacted.

“Following a harm, staff shall work with the student and others involved to determine how to repair the

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harm caused and provide restitution whenever possible,” the policy continued. “To the extent possible, consequences will be given that match the function of the infraction. For example, if an infraction involved the destruction of school property, a consequence including a measure to restore the damage shall be considered for inclusion. Similarly, if an infraction involved harm to a social relationship, a consequence including a measure to restore the relationship, a loss of a social privilege and/or another activity that strengthens a pro social skill may be considered.”

Board members Dr. Adam Brownstein and Matthew Bucher were concerned about the changes to the policy after researching the practices following a previous board meeting.

“I’m pleased with the changes made by Dr. (Jason) Peel. Great job as you got a lot of questions at the last meeting. I looked at the changes that were made and they needed to be made,” Bucher said. “The whole issue of restorative practices, I am at odds with based on my research. Several studies done in different school districts and states, there’s a major one done in Maine by the Department of Health and Human Services and another one done in Pittsburgh Public Schools by the Division of Child and Educational Issues. And what they found was, by and large, restorative practices are a mixed bag. It takes a tremendous amount of student buy-in as well as by faculty, by administrative to make them work,”

Bucher continued that there were two areas named in the study that required “massive funding” and addi-

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tional employees in order to make restorative practices successful. He pointed out that if the main objective was to lower out of school suspensions (OSS), the practices were somewhat successful based on the studies, but that the other side of it was that there was lower teacher satisfaction.

“Oftentimes, lower student perception of the teachers’ control of the classroom, and even the diverse negative consequences lower middle school student math scores,” Bucher said. “I do not plan to endorse it with the yes vote. The wording I would like to have seen was voluntary rather than encouraged or recommended, but nonetheless, I believe it is by and large a quality product and I thank you for making the changes from last time.”

Brownstein echoed the sentiments of Bucher, explaining that he was a “science guy.”

“I too did a deep dive over the last 30 days because I wanted to see for myself sort of what the research actually shows. I am a science guy. I stood in front of this board a couple of months ago and made some claims about COVID that everybody laughed at. Some of them might come true, but we’ll leave that there,” Brownstein said. “So, what I was able to find is that there had been 67 studies done on restorative practices in the last 10 years. There have been no studies in the last two years that I’m aware of mostly because of COVID. That makes sense. Out of those 67 studies, just four implemented even basic research design, and only one at the standards for scientific research. So, let’s talk about the one that was probably the best which is the Pittsburgh study by the group that you mentioned. That was a pretty

good study of 44 different buildings. They had 22 treatments. 22 controls. Sounds like a pretty good number of people. But the results of that study were mixed. Suspension rates did decline after two years with the program, which was impressive, but most importantly to me as a board member, the incidence of violence weapons and arrests were all unchanged. So the heavy hitters still were heavy hitters.”

Brownstein continued by stating that academic outcomes in the schools studied did not improve and actually worsened at the middle school level. He also found that the demographic whose academic scores dropped the most were African American students in the study. In his opinion, restorative practices could target a minority group, something he was not comfortable with.

“I have a problem implementing a policy that is going to target a minority in my district directly especially because I’m trying to help everybody here,” Brownstein said. “I too have a lot of concerns about the way that we’re trying to implement this. This sounds like an enormous undertaking that requires a lot of infrastructure for it to work effectively. So, to that end, I am proposing a solution and not just a criticism. So, there’s a high school in Virginia. And I’m not going to pronounce the name correctly, but it’s Algonquin High School in Virginia. They took a little bit of a different bent on this. What they did is they started with the teachers and they went out to the teachers and they said who believes in this? They found a handful and then got some of the mental health providers on board and

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they started a pilot program and in that pilot program, they were able to reduce suspensions without compromising academics and the other teachers in the district.”

After a year or two, Brownstein stated, more teachers became involved in the new discipline practices, allowing the teachers who had successfully implemented it to share their tips with other teachers. They grew the use of the practice over several years rather than try to implement it districtwide.

Another concern expressed by the board was that if the only goal was to lower suspensions, it may be beneficial to look at the larger picture, including differences in grade levels. It was pointed out that it seemed the new policies were more effective at the elementary school level which meant targeting younger children with the changes may lead to better acceptance at the middle school level. It was stated that younger children still view adults as authority figures but when they reach middle school age, children believe adults are wrong about everything. Dr. Kevin Dickerson, superintendent, explained that the district began with a small pilot group the year before under the direction of Dr. Brittany Hazzard, supervisor of Equity and Support Services.

“So we did start small. And if you look at it here, this is just another resource for us that’s supposed to be proactive, preventative,” Dickerson said “ Good classroom

management strategies is good social emotional learning support. And then also at the end of the day, we have students who make mistakes, it still talks about here that they’re going to have the consequences. But how do we help get have those students be able to transition either back into the classroom without reoccurring problem, or making sure they’re successful? And not repeating what they’ve done, but also being able to get along as well with others that they may have had conflict with. So it really goes back a little bit to conflict management and good classroom management strategies.”

Hazzard explained that the district did involve students when they created the adjusted policies. She explained that restorative practices simply meant that they were going to support their students and restore any harm that had come to them. This would also allow for better relationship building between teachers and students as well as between students themselves, allowing students who committed infractions to remain in the classroom which is the overall goal. The practice, though still a reactive approach, also includes prevention, intervention and support. Even having a teacher greet students as they walk into class is part of the restorative practice, Hazzard explained.

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DNREC TO PRESENT AT NEXT 2ND FRIDAY

BY TERRY ROGERS

On the second Friday of each month, the First Presbyterian Church of Milford holds “2nd Friday,” an informational gathering designed to provide information to area residents. Previous events have included presentations by local artists and authors, including Rosemary Connelly whose recent book “Two Years in Italy,” chronicles the years she and her late husband, Bob, spent living in Italy after their retirement. This month, Olivia McDonald Allread, an education and communication specialist with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) will provide details on the importance of Delaware’s wetlands.

“With a quarter of Delaware’s land made up of wetlands, that is a lot to protect,” John Huntzinger, organizer of 2nd Friday, said. “This lecture will cover everything from what wetlands are, to how they function and why they are important. Those who attend will be able to travel through the first state to see these unique ecosystems up-close and personal. They will also gain knowledge on how DNREC’s environmental scientists conduct research.”

Allread will also present information on how to find wetlands on any property and offer user-friendly tools that can help residents preserve those wetlands. Guests will also learn more about the coastal areas, freshwater habitats and more.

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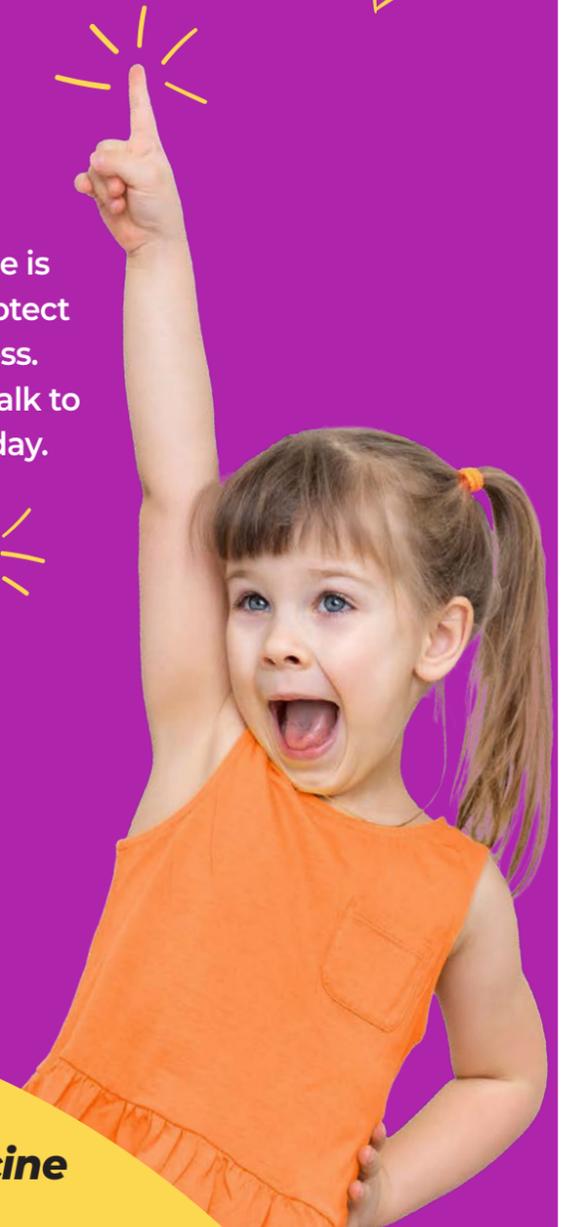
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A park naturalist and program coordinator at DNREC for the past six years, Allread previously worked as a teacher naturalist for Delaware Nature Society at Abbott's Mill Nature Center and was a Blue Hen Ambassador, CEOE representative and part of the communications staff at the Visitor Center at the University of Delaware. She served as an environmental intern at DNREC at Trap Pond State Park in 2013. Allread graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with a minor in Environmental Humanities and a concentration in People, Society and Sustainability. She also volunteered for the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays, MERR Institute in Marine Education, Research & Rehabilitation Institute as well as the Surfrider Foundation.

"2nd Friday is always free," Huntzinger said. "It is open to the public and family friendly. We encourage anyone who has an interest in the environment to attend this very informative program."

The August 2nd Friday will be held on Aug. 12 and will begin at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Milford, located at 101 South Walnut Street. Parking is available behind the church and visitors are asked to enter through the backdoor, walk through the kitchen and into the fellowship hall. Reservations are not necessary, but more information can be obtained by calling 302-422-5701. Huntzinger explained that they are always looking for interesting topics for 2nd Friday, so any suggestions are welcome for topics.



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COUNTRY UP FEST TO BENEFIT ALS

BY TERRY ROGERS

The first annual Country Up benefit, featuring Jimmy Charles, will benefit ALS and is an all-day indoor/outdoor music festival. The festival will be held Sunday, Aug. 14, starting at noon at the Willowbrook Wedding Venue in Bridgeville.

“I was born in Delaware and grew up in Ocean City and Berlin, Maryland,” Charles said. “I moved to Nashville in 2009 and was on American Idol in 2010. My recent release, “It’s a Maryland Thing You Wouldn’t Understand,” is becoming an anthem for Marylanders and even playing in stadiums like the Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Ravens and the University of Maryland will start playing it next year at all their sporting events. I am premiering the music video for the song at Fager’s Island (in Ocean City) on Wednesday, Aug. 10.”

Charles wrote a song called “Superman,” which became an anthem for cancer survivors of all types and was chosen as the official anthem for “Zero the End of Prostate Cancer.” He feels the song brings strength to those who are battling and encourages early detection. The subsequent music video trended number one on CMT for over a week with almost 5,000 shares on the first day. The song was co-written by Goose Gossett, Charles’ bandmate, and Phil Shulka, a mentor and cancer survivor.

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“I just released “Country Up,” a rocking fun country rock song that everyone is loving,” Charles said. “In light of the theme, we decided to name the festival Country Up Fest benefitting ALS. We are hoping everyone comes out decked in their country attire. I have another release coming very soon called “Fish” which I wrote for the White Marlin Open and they are embracing it as their official song of the 2022 WMO. You can hear the song on YouTube now and it will be available next month on all digital outlets.”

Charles chose ALS as the beneficiary of the event as his first drummer when he moved to Nashville, Tommy Mastro, was diagnosed and eventually passed away with ALS, often called Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

“I was inspired by the movie Gleason about the Saints linebacker who got ALS and they made a documentary of his life,” Charles said. “ALS is a terrible disease, and I was moved to bring more awareness and raise funds for additional research because, as of right now, there is no cure for this torturous disease. There are still tickets available and we will be accepting admission at the door. For those that cannot make it, you are encouraged to make a donation to our fundraising efforts by reaching out to myself or the Country Up ALS group page.”

Over the past years, Charles has toured with his band, opening for such acts as Lady A, Montgomery Gentry, Kip Moore, Travis Tritt, Josh Turner, Merle Haggard and more. He tried out for Nashville Star and made the Top 50. Even though he did not win that contest, it gave him the confidence to believe he could make music a career. Charles spent many years paying his dues in the

honky-tonks of Nashville, playing in bars around the country as well as festivals and other venues. His first single, “Whatever It Takes” thrust him into the spotlight when it was picked up by iHeart Radio. His video, “Hard Way to Go,” premiered on CMT and climbed to number one on The Country Network. The video was partnered with National Partners American Addiction Centers, Vertava Health and other addiction awareness organizations to bring attention to the addiction crisis. To date, the video has helped over 60 people commit to the road to recovery.

In 2017, Charles was named Outstanding Young Tennessean for his philanthropic gestures. He was also awarded the National Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA) honor in 2019. He was also recently awarded the International Singer Songwriter Association (ISSA) award as Best Male Entertainer. He also formed his own non-profit #IAMNOTALONE, which focuses on the strength and well-being of all cancer survivors.

“I’ve learned so much from these survivors and I want to help them anyway that I can,” Charles said. “Their stories break my heart, but our journey together makes me whole.”

The benefit will start with a cornhole tournament presented by DE Baggers. There will be food trucks and Mispillion River Brewing and Mobile Bar will be providing beer and libations. The benefit moves inside for a 21 and older concert performed by Charles and County Line. Tickets are \$25 for general admission. There are also VIP tickets available for \$50 which

include free alcohol, a private roped VIP area next to the stage, a Meet and Greet with Charles and County Line as well as other prizes. All proceeds will benefit the ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia and the Rehoboth Walk to Defeat ALS!

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MAL also offers art classes in many different mediums for ages pre-K through adult. Class details and registration can be found on the website www.mispillionarts.org, on Facebook and Instagram (@MispillionArts), and on www.delawarescene.com. While visiting, don't forget to wander through the Gift

Shop, filled with local, handmade artwork. Masks are optional. Located at 5 N Walnut Street in Milford, MAL is open Tuesday–Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Mispillion Art League is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This organization is supported in part by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on www.DelawareScene.com.

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TEEN BUILDS BAKING BUSINESS FROM SCRATCH

BY TERRY ROGERS

At just 16 years old, Vincent “Vinnie” DiNatale is already making a name for himself in the baking industry. The owner of DiNatale Desserts, the 11th grader is also an accomplished figure skater, getting his schooling online so that he can skate during the day.

“I started baking during COVID when everything shut down,” DiNatale said. “My skating rink closed so I started baking for fun and started taking Zoom classes to learn how to bake new and harder things.”

DiNatale decided to turn his baking passion into a business when a friend asked him to make her brother’s birthday cake and offered to pay him for it. From there, his mother, Lori Morgan, who is a graduate of Milford High School, posted it on Facebook and DiNatale explained that people just kept ordering.

“I think the best part of baking for me is how it is fun to experiment with different flavors and come up with cool new recipes,” DiNatale said. “I also like how it is art kind of, like when I get to decorate a cake. My biggest challenge has just been organization. Making sure I have time to bake everything and making sure I don’t take too many orders for one day and making sure I have all the ingredients. Because when I took my first Thanksgiving orders, I took way too many orders and

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was up for two days straight just baking with no sleep at all.”

Ice skating has helped him in this endeavor as it taught DiNatale to be precise. Skaters have “like 10 things to do at once,” DiNatale explained, and they all have to be perfect or things can go very wrong, so that has helped him in his baking business.

“I do want to do this as a career,” DiNatale said. “I enjoy it a lot and think I am also kinda good at it, but I am just keeping an open mind right now.”

DiNatale entered several baked items in the Delaware State Fair competitions and came away with several awards. His Death by Chocolate Oreo cake won the Grand Prize. He also took first place in the Decorated Cake any Theme and the Decorated Birthday Cake categories. His fluffernutter brownies took second place in the kids competition while his sweet potato cupcakes took third place in another competition. Another of his chocolate cakes got the Judge’s Award for Most Outstanding Entry in the Cakes and Cheesecakes category.

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CHANGES PROPOSED TO DOWNTOWN INTERSECTION

BY TERRY ROGERS

Milford's Public Works Department has identified several issues with one-way traffic on Southwest Front Street. Many of the issues, according to Mark Whitfield, city manager, are at the intersection of Walnut Street. For this reason, the department consulted with DelDOT and Century Engineering to develop solutions.

"The city went ahead and had Century Engineering do an evaluation of that and one or two other intersections with the key intersection being Southwest Front and South Walnut in mainly due to the issues that Mark had alluded to," James Puddicombe, city engineer, said. "Their evaluation essentially showed that signals at the intersections don't meet requirements except for a line of sight issue. They would be eligible to be converted to four-way stops. The recommendation between Century

and DelDOT was to temporarily turn the lights to flashing red and convert that intersection at Southwest Front and Walnut to a four-way stop and return Southwest Front to two-way traffic and then monitor to evaluate for delays and other issues as well as traffic and incidents. And if all goes well, the long-term plan would be to permanently convert that to a four-way stop intersection."

Councilman Todd Culotta asked if there were plans to eliminate the light that currently exists at the intersection of Causey Avenue and Walnut Street. Puddicombe stated that at the present time, they were only looking at changing Southwest Front Street and Walnut. Councilman Culotta stated that "as far as he was concerned, that light could be thrown in the river."

"We did learn that from DelDOT that this has actually been done in a number of communities throughout Delaware. Most recently was city in New Castle County, I guess, where they took a signal out and put in a four-way stop," Whitfield said. "And one of the things that again, DelDOT suggested is that we leave the signals in place. If this does turn out to be an absolute disaster, it's a matter of going out and doing several stop signs and reactivating the signal. So, it sounds like a good solution to at least explore and try and see what happens but, again, alleviate a major safety concern with a bridge."

Councilman Jason James asked when this would be implemented and Puddicombe explained that it would likely be about a month before it was completed. The city would need to install signs to make it clear that the traffic pattern was changing. Councilman Brian Baer asked if there was the possibility of a rotary added to that intersection.

"The council in the long term would consider alternative signalization which would include traffic circles or oblong circles. That's why I said we don't have a full settlement on which direction yet," Puddicombe said. "This is just an initial report, but due to the solid waste pickup issues and that sort of thing, we want to at least try to alleviate that first intersection. But yeah, that is that is an option in the long term."

Councilman Dan Marabello asked if there was enough room for larger vehicles to turn around in the parking lot behind the Riverfront Theater. Puddicombe said he felt that there was ample room, but that the team would review whether some parking spaces needed to be removed in order to facilitate trucks that may need to turn around.

MILFORD KICKS OFF DRIVE 25 CAMPAIGN



PRESS RELEASE

The city of Milford kicked off a KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25® campaign at National Night Out on Aug. 2 in Bicentennial Park. Residents who live on a 25-mph road within city limits can apply through [MyMilford](#)

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The mission of KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25® is to make streets safer for all who walk, cycle, play, drive and ride. Doing so preserves lives and relationships.

“We’ve heard the community’s concerns regarding speeding in our residential neighborhoods,” said Sara Bluhm, city of Milford Economic Development and Community Engagement administrator, “and while our engineering division is working with DelDOT to evaluate traffic calming devices, we wanted to find a more immediate solution. The KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25® campaign is the perfect way to get residents involved and encourage drivers to be mindful of their speed in residential areas, especially where children could be present.”

State Farm is a national sponsor of the KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25® organization and local agent Hunter Emory is sponsoring in-part Milford’s signs, making them free to qualifying residents. Requests will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. In an effort to spread the signs around the city, staff will not fulfill a sign request within close proximity to an already requested sign.

“As a local State Farm Insurance Agent, a parent of two young active children and a member of the Milford community, we knew right away this is a cause we could get behind,” said Emory, local State Farm Agent in Milford. “We saw the KEEP KIDS ALIVE DRIVE 25® program as a new way to stress the awareness for better driving habits while moving through our

residential communities. So many new families have made Milford their home and we hope these signs will help contribute to making our community safer for all those in it.”

The city of Milford, incorporated in 1807 and located in Kent and Sussex Counties along the Mispillion River, is home to 11,000+ year-round residents, 500+ retail businesses and non-profits, local restaurants, parks, trails, small town events, major healthcare providers, an historic shipyard, and its own school district. Known throughout the state as River Town, Art Town, Home Town, the city celebrates the beauty of its natural resources, the ingenuity of its people and its commitment to quality of life.

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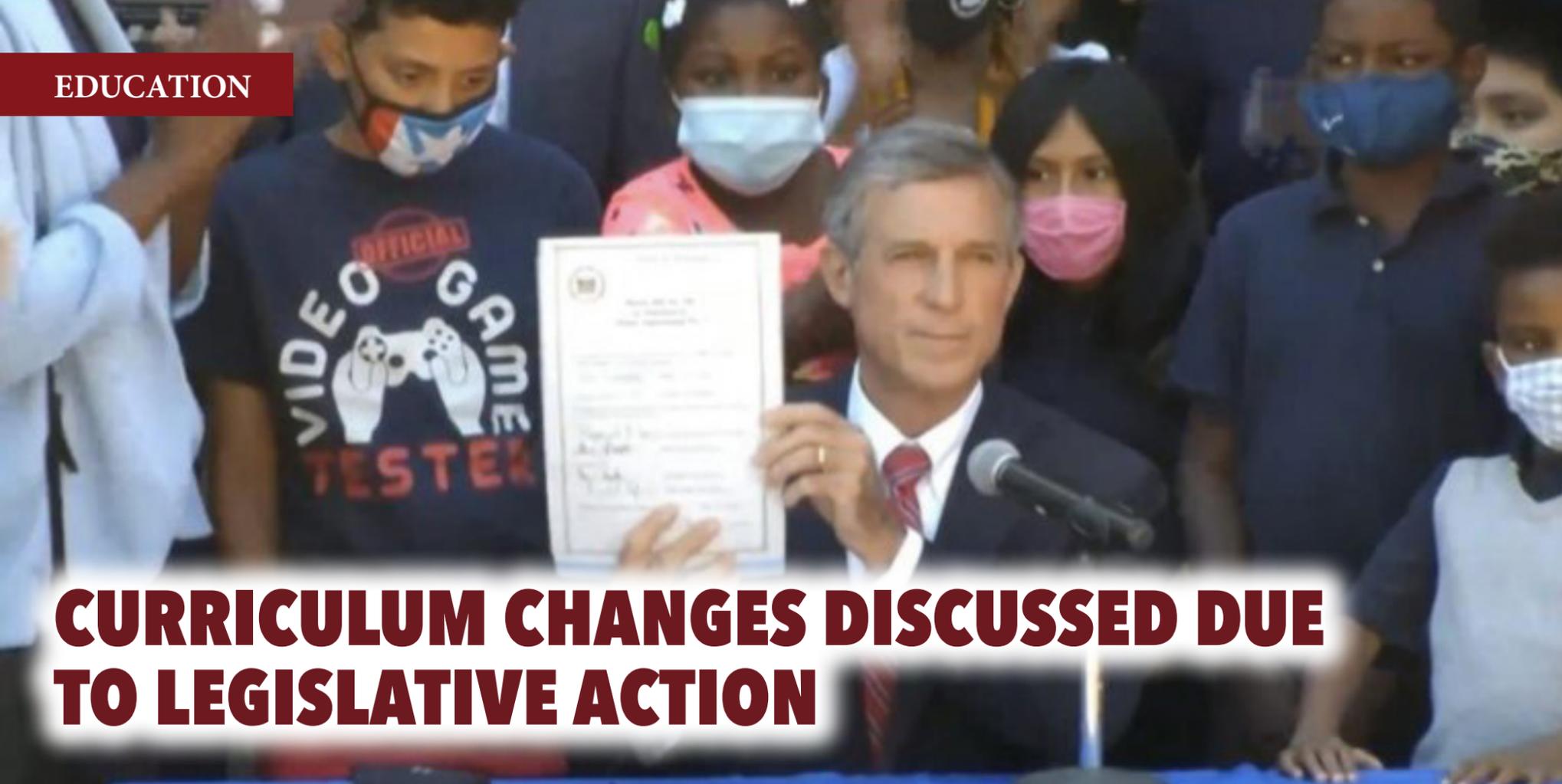
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CURRICULUM CHANGES DISCUSSED DUE TO LEGISLATIVE ACTION

BY TERRY ROGERS

At a recent school board meeting, Milford School District Board of Education heard details on changes to curriculum that must be implemented by August 2023 due to legislative action. On July 23, 2020, Governor John Carney signed HB 318, also known as the Holocaust Education Bill, into law and, on June 17, 2021, signed HB 198 into law. The second bill requires a more thorough teaching of black history in public schools. The district created a task force comprised of teachers and administrators to determine how Milford’s curriculum must be adjusted to meet the new criteria.

“In October of 2121 this group got together, and we really took a deep dive into what exactly was HB 198

and HB 318, asking us to do as educators,” Dr. Kate Bowski, student learning specialist, said. “And so as we started to tear that apart, we decided that we needed to really look at what we were currently doing. We created a document that really cross referenced what we were currently doing in our classrooms with the tenants of both the Holocaust and the black history bill. We did this first by tackling it with our task force members and then we reached out to teachers in other classrooms so that we really got a very good picture of what we were already doing.”

According to Bowski, Milford already included much of what the bills required in their Social Studies curric-

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ulum. However, they did find gaps in a few areas which led to discussions about how to fill those gaps. Because the subjects can be sensitive in a classroom, the task force held meetings with staff to create professional development in areas where gaps existed. In May, Bowski and Dr. Bridget Amory, director of Student Learning, attended the Delaware Social Studies Coalition where they learned ways to naturally imbed black history into instruction, were provided some curricular resources and gained information on how to address staff needs when it came to instruction on the Holocaust and black history. The meeting also allowed for networking among various districts as well as higher education institutes.

“In June of this year, we submitted implementing plans for the Holocaust bill to the Department of Education and shortly after we met with Dr. Ordner Taylor as well as our Social Studies Task Force,” Bowski said. “Dr. Taylor is associated with Delaware State University and is a visiting professor of English and foreign language and he has done work with other districts in Delaware surrounding the implementation of the Black History bill. We have done extensive work this summer in realigning our elementary Social Studies curriculum so that it has a more natural flow and that we cover all of the standards that we need to teach our students.”

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JORDAN DUTTON SELECTED AS MILFORD CENTRAL ACADEMY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Education is actually Dutton's second career and one he entered because he wanted the opportunity to do meaningful work. Teaching was a way to make positive impacts on students and it continues to be what draws him to education.

"I saw the move to administration as an opportunity to expand the impact I can have," Dutton said. "As a teacher, I only got to see 90 or so kids a year, whereas as an administrator, I have the ability to impact every single student, every single day. I also get to be an instructional leader for the staff and be an integral part of the reason the building can improve."

Dutton feels that the primary challenge in public education today is to hire and retain effective teachers. His main goal is to be the best assistant principal that he can be and to serve the community effectively.

"The greatest achievements I have ever accomplished have always been the relationships I have been lucky enough to form with students and staff," Dutton said. "They have spanned my entire career and I expect will continue into the future. Strictly academic achievements such as successful implementation of structures and processes or curriculum adoptions will always pale in comparison."

Dutton is hopeful that the past couple of years are moving behind us which will lead to a heavy focus on how to "school" again that is most beneficial to students.

"Learning or re-learning how to interact with peers and how to handle social situations and conflict resolu-

tion is really important," Dutton said. "We won't be able to get to the academic aspect of education until we begin to remedy some of the social-emotional deficits of the recent past. Overall, just making connections an being accessible will be the foundation of all future success at MCA."

Meeting the widest range of needs for MCA students is what Dutton feels will be most challenging in his new position.

"We cover a very diverse background of students, each with their own needs and understanding this will be the biggest challenge, but also provide the opportunity for the greatest growth," Dutton said. "Challenges are only opportunities in disguise."

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BY TERRY ROGERS

Jordan Dutton was recently selected as the new assistant principal at Milford Central Academy. Dutton comes to Milford from Lake Forest School District where he last served as assistant principal. Dutton is married and has two young children.

"I was born and raised in Milford and currently live in Lincoln," Dutton said. "I was a Milford School District student up to the eighth grade, graduating from Sussex Tech in 2004. My first teaching job was at the "old" Milford Middle School. I spent the last decade of my career in the Lake Forest School District as an ILC teacher, Level IV teacher, Honors ELA teacher and a special education teacher. I also served as a Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment specialist and finally an assistant principal."

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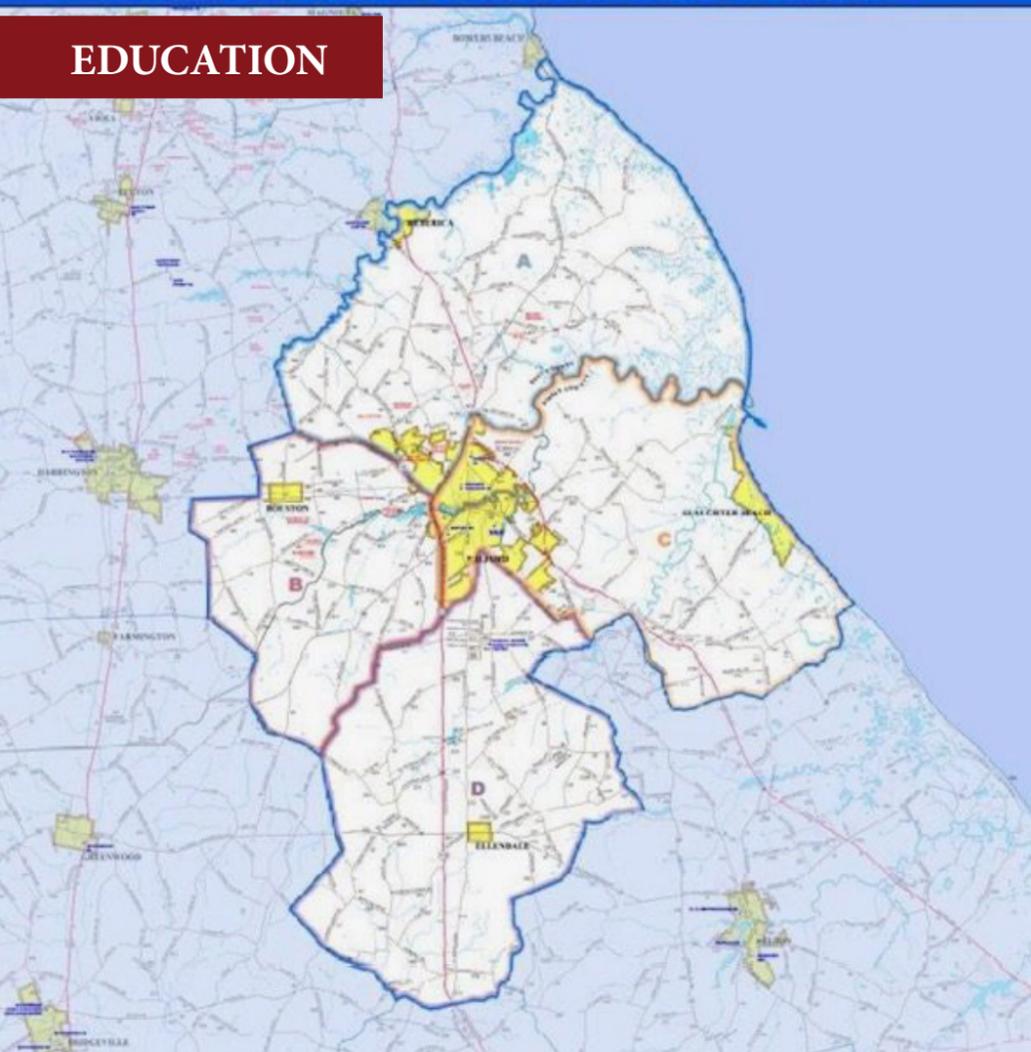


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On Aug. 1, 2022, at a meeting of the Milford School District Board of Education, Kris Thompson announced that it would be his last meeting as a board member. Thompson made the announcement when he made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

“I would like to make a motion to adjourn my final school board meeting,” Thompson said. “As it may not be fully publicly known, I am changing my address. I am still living in Milford School District but moving outside my elected district. Tonight will be my final board meeting. I will be submitting my letter of resig-

THOMPSON RESIGNS FROM SCHOOL BOARD

nation later this week. So, thank you for the time here, I’ve enjoyed it a lot.”

Thompson began representing Area B when Yvette Dennehy did not register to run for election again in 2019. Thompson was the only candidate to file for the seat and was appointed as a board member at the July 2019 reorganization meeting. He decided to run for school board after serving as a coach at Milford Central Academy and seeing the good the board does with programs at the district schools.

Thompson was an advocate for transparency on the school board and felt it was important to listen to both sides of an argument. He moved to Milford when he was in first grade, graduating from Polytech in 1997 and Shippensburg University in 2000. He was hired by the Delaware State Police in 2001.

This has led the district to issue a public notice that there was a temporary vacancy for the Area B Seat.

“A vacancy exists for the Area B Seat on the Milford Board of Education for a temporary term until the conclusion of the 2022-23 fiscal year, set to expire on June 30, 2023,” the notice read. “Interested persons shall submit a formal request for consideration of appointment with a letter of interest, accompanied by a resume of the applicant’s education and professional background by 4 p.m. on Aug. 19, 2022.”

The documents should be sent to Milford Board of Education, c/o Milford School District, Attention: Ms. Theresa Blocker, Administrative Secretary, Superintendent’s Office, 906 Lakeview Avenue, Milford DE 19963.

The documents can also be emailed to Tblocker@msd.k12.de.us.

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate must be a citizen of the United States and Delaware and live in the school district. They must be 18 years of age or older at the time of appointment. They must live within the Area B geographical area and cannot be a paid employee of the district. They must never have been convicted of embezzlement.

In addition, an individual may not serve as a member of the board if they have been convicted or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any crime against a child constituting a felony, any sexual offense against a child, any crime constituting a felony sexual offense or unlawful sexual contact in the third degree under §767 of Title 11. The individual may also not have been convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere within the preceding 10 years to any crime constituting a felony that is not a permanent disqualification under paragraph (a)(1) of this section nor convicted, plead guilty or nolo contendere within the previous five years of any crime against a child constituting a misdemeanor, except for unlawful sexual contact in the third degree under §767 of Title 11, possession of a controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance classified as such in Schedule I, II, III, IV or V of Chapter 47 of Title 16.

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MONKEYPOX

3 NEW CASES OF MONKEYPOX FOUND IN DELAWARE

BY STAFF WRITER

A 42-year-old Kent County man and two New Castle County men, 19 and 24, have become the fourth, fifth and sixth Delawareans to test positive for monkeypox.

The risk to the general public in Delaware remains low, the Division of Public Health said Aug. 4.

None of the individuals reported recent travel. While at least one individual confirmed close intimate contact with another individual, none reported close contact with someone known to have monkeypox. All three individuals reported close contact with a very limited number of individuals and are self-isolating.

The first Delaware case of monkeypox, caused by a virus dubbed MPX, was found in a 46-year-old man in New Castle County and announced July 12.

Though U.S. Health Secretary Xavier Becerra declared monkeypox a national public health emergency Aug. 4, the Division of Public Health does not plan to make a similar declaration specific to Delaware, the agency said in a press release. “However, low risk does not mean no risk,” the agency said.

There have been more than 6,600 **confirmed** infections in the United States—overwhelmingly among gay and bisexual men. Anyone may contract monkeypox, though certain activities by individuals can increase their chance of contracting the virus.

Monkeypox is different from COVID-19 in that it spreads primarily through direct contact with the rash or scabs of someone with monkeypox.

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