

**Poland Regional High School**  
**School Board Report**  
**March 2021**

**Staff Updates**

Nothing to report.

**Teaching and Learning**

We were able to stay open for in-person learning every day between Christmas vacation and February vacation. We had our first quarantine group since December as a result of two cases, one on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and another on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Between the two cases, 64 students and 12 staff members were quarantined. We closed for remote learning on Monday and Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with the goal of opening for in-person learning for the remainder of the week.

We are planning for Celebration of Learning. Our major projects, Senior Celebration and Sophomore Exhibition have been revised to provide more flexibility. These projects are part of the 10th and 12th grade Roundtable curriculum. Since RT only meets 2 days a week, it was important to revise expectations. Students will still present their projects, but the entire event will be scaled down to ensure we can still enforce safety measures.

New guidelines have been given to us by the DOE regarding singing and playing wind instruments. Julia Edwards and Larry Williams are working with me to determine how we can provide our students with music opportunities this spring.

**Facilities & Safety**

Tony and his crew have done a nice job clearing snow and ice this winter.

**Events/Activities**

We have been told that DOE is working on providing guidelines for graduation this spring, much earlier than last year, which will help us with our planning. As of now, we have developed two preliminary plans to hold an in-person graduation. The first is a parking lot graduation, similar to last year. We are working collaboratively with the other high schools in the county to be able to hold graduation at the Auburn airport. This will allow us to increase the number of family members who can attend by increasing the number of cars that can be parked. We will also share the costs of the event with the other school. Our other potential plan is to have a ceremony on the football field. Once we get the new guidelines, we'll see what other options we might be able to consider to ensure that seniors have a proper graduation.

Basketball and indoor track are underway and our students are grateful for the opportunity to play.

We have planned a “March Madness” replacement for Winter Carnival, an event that got postponed due to the quarantine. We are determined to have some fun though, no matter what the Pandemic brings!