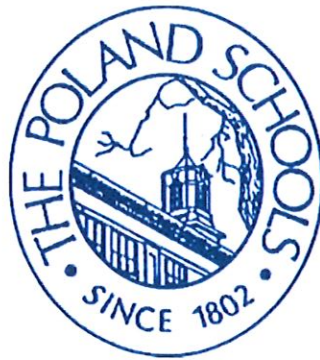


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February 28, 2018

Hello Bulldog Family,

I wanted to take some time to go over the State's recently released performance audit of the Poland Local School District. The audit was performed due to a projected fund balance deficit, beginning in FY19, as provided in the May 2017 five year forecast. Districts, by law, must submit a five year forecast in October and May of each fiscal year. Prior to yesterday, Tuesday, February 27, 2018, the information in the audit was embargoed or confidential until released, which means the exact content of the report was not permitted to be discussed or shared with staff and residents.

The Auditor of State (AOS) team provided Poland Schools with recommendations that would impact the district's five year forecast moving forward. One of the recommendations is closing Union Elementary and Dobbins Elementary Schools, another recommendation includes district wide changes to administrative, classified and certified staff. I want to stress that **NO DECISIONS** have been made about the State's recommendations. The Poland Board of Education is evaluating the State's report and is thoroughly looking at all the recommendations provided. Before making any decisions about the State's recommendations, the Board of Education will determine the impact the reductions will have on the district's overall programs and the services we provide to students.

I understand the performance audit report from the State covers various topics, and as parents and community members, you more than likely have concerns and questions about the State's audit. The district is in the process of setting up staff meetings, as well as public meetings, where the performance audit will be reviewed. As soon as the dates are set, I will let you know. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.

Again, I want to emphasize, this report was completed by the Auditor of State's Office using our data. This report was not completed by the Poland School District.

Also, no decisions have been made about recommendations listed in the audit.

Most importantly, your support for the Poland Local Schools and the success of our students is appreciated.

Sincerely,

David Janofa, Superintendent of Schools
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