



August 1, 2017

OPENING OF SCHOOL INFORMATION

Dear Fellow Staff Member:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

School begins for students on Monday, **August 28, 2017**.

Teachers new to the BASD will report to Northeast Middle School's Choral Room for a full-day Orientation on Monday, **August 21 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**.

Teachers in the BASD Induction Program will report to Northeast Middle School's Choral Room on Tuesday, **August 22 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**.

All other instructional staff members will begin on Wednesday, **August 23**. Please check the detailed information below for specifics on locations and starting times of inservice activities that may affect you. Other activities may be planned as well; if you are to participate in any one of them, you will be notified.

INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

CONVOCATION PROGRAM/TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

The BASD Convocation Program is planned for instructional staff at Liberty High School, 1115 Linden Street, Bethlehem. Due to limited parking at the Liberty campus, you may want to coordinate with your colleagues to carpool from your home school.

The Convocation Program will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. in the Auditorium and conclude by approximately 9:30 a.m. At the conclusion of the Convocation Program, K-2 teachers will remain in the LHS Auditorium for a presentation from Dr. Silva and Mrs. Harper.

Faculties will return to their respective buildings for faculty meetings and other building-level meetings for the remainder of the day. Principals will tell their faculties the specific locations of the August 24th in-service training. Dismissal will be at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 24, 2017

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF—TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

Teachers will report to the locations TBA by their Principal.

SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF

School psychologists, home school visitors, educational support teachers, and speech language therapists will report to the Education Center in the Edgeboro Room for a staff meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m.

This is an in-service day beginning at 8:00 a.m. with dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Friday, August 25, 2017

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF—TEACHER PREPARATION DAY

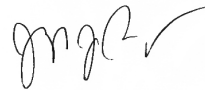
All instructional staff will report to their respective building at the regular starting time for room preparation and unpacking. Teachers with split building assignments will report to their home-based school. Dismissal for all staff will be at the usual time.

Monday, August 28, 2017—School Starts for Students

Please see the attached information for details on grant opportunities with The Foundation for the Bethlehem Area School District. Teachers can apply for grants up to \$1,000. The Foundation for the Bethlehem Area School District plans on allocating \$25,000 towards Teacher Innovation Grants and Service-Learning Grants for the 2017/2018 school year. The deadline for grant applications is Wednesday, September 6th.

I wish you all an exciting and productive school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'jroy', with a checkmark to the right.

Joseph J. Roy, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



TEACHER INNOVATION GRANT

**Now Accepting Applications through
September 6, 2017**

Purpose

Teacher Innovation Grants are available to Bethlehem Area School District teachers to implement an innovative project, initiative, teaching strategy, technology application or other effort providing measurable educational outcomes for students. The purpose of this grant program is to enhance student learning and student interest in learning by providing educators an opportunity to exercise their passion for teaching, develop their ideas, partner with colleagues and connect with the wealth of knowledge, expertise and talent within BASD and the community. Projects should enhance the regular curriculum.

Funding

Funding requests of any amount up to \$1,000 are acceptable.

Project Period

Grant Applications Open – June 1, 2017

Grant Request Due Date – 4:00pm Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Grant Recipients Announced – September 21-23, 2017

Use one of the following links for additional details and application

<http://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/thefoundation/grants/>

For Questions or concerns, contact Julie Bailey, Executive Director of The Foundation
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SERVICE-LEARNING GRANT

**Now Accepting
Applications through
September 6, 2017**

Purpose

Service-learning Grants are available to Bethlehem Area School District teachers to implement high-quality service-learning projects. Service-learning is a teaching strategy that connects classroom curriculum with service projects that engage students socially, civically and academically. A high-quality service-learning experience combines meaningful service with in-depth learning. Service-learning begins with classroom content and moves into the community through the planning and implementation of a service-project.

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