Education 2020 Recommendations
Presented to LCSD Board of Education

Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget, known for his work in child development, once said “The principle goal of education in schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done.”

This idea is a large reason why the Liverpool Central School District transitioned to the Education 2020 initiative almost two years ago, moving away from simple brick and mortar updates and instead exploring the future of education in the district and the ever-changing needs of students. The goal is to operate the district more efficiently to maximize the money spent on opportunities for students.

At the February 10th LCSD Board of Education meeting, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark F. Potter presented his Education 2020 recommendations for the board’s consideration (see side bar on this page). Please note that the LCSD Board of Education does not anticipate making a decision regarding these recommendations until June 2020 at the earliest.

These recommendations will allow the district to take part in innovative opportunities based on staff and community values, while allowing the district to maximize facility efficiencies and increase student resources and staff collaboration.

As a reminder, the Education 2020 Committee determined that the Liverpool community shares five key values with LCSD teachers and staff members:

- Class size (only close schools if keeping current size is possible)
- Program opportunities (Career and Technical Education, STEM/STEAM, etc.)
- Mental health support/safety
- Tradition (keep what is working)
- Grade configuration (only change if it supports innovation)

Since the Education 2020 recommendations were unveiled, the district has held numerous informational meetings to share updates with parents, staff and community. There are four remaining meetings on the schedule:

- March 3, at 6:30 p.m., at Long Branch Elementary
- March 4, at 6 p.m., at Donlin Drive Elementary
- March 5, at 6 p.m., at Liverpool Elementary
- March 12, at 5:30 p.m., at Morgan Road Elementary

Any community member or group interested in scheduling a presentation regarding the Education 2020 Initiative should contact the Office of the Deputy Superintendent at 315-622-7148.

Community members can still ask questions, submit comments, or address rumors they may have heard about the future of the district. To do so, visit the LCSD Web site at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/community/education-2020 and submit questions and comments using the Education 2020 form (click on the link at the top of the page).

Community members are asked to include their name and e-mail address so the committee can respond (anonymous submissions will not be answered).
LHS Athletic Hall Seeks Nominations

The Liverpool High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is looking for former Liverpool graduates who have distinguished themselves on the athletic fields at LHS. The gymnasium lobby at LHS displays the Hall of Fame inductees who have been honored since the first class of inductees in 1987. More than 200 individual plaques honor past inductees for their athletic achievements and contributions to the athletic program.

This year's ceremony continues a tradition of many years of formal inductions and will take place on Sunday, May 31, at 2 p.m., in the LHS Cafeteria. It will be followed by a catered dinner in the cafeteria by Tony's Restaurant of Syracuse.

To be eligible, a candidate must:
A) have attended Liverpool High School
B) have participated in at least one Varsity Sport at LHS
C) submit, or have submitted on their behalf, a written resume of his/her athletic achievements at LHS
D) be at least 5 years out of high school (before the class of 2016)

Nominations will be accepted for:
1) INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES... with emphasis on their accomplishments at LHS.
2) CONTRIBUTOR... an outstanding contributor to athletic programs of LHS, either in coaching or other service related to Liverpool athletics. Coaches must be RETIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR INDUCTION.
3) TEAM NOMINATIONS... those teams that have won state championships or were ranked #1 in the state at the end of the season before there were state playoffs.

Nominations for induction will be taken until March 31, 2020. The submission guidelines list the information the committee needs for evaluations. Once the nomination is submitted, the nominee will remain eligible for the next five years.

Nominations should be sent to: Frank Sofia, Liverpool High School Athletic Department, 4338 Wetzel Road, Liverpool, N.Y. 13090

Submission Guidelines

- Name of Nominee
- Age
- Year Graduated from LHS
- Years at Liverpool
- Address of Nominee
- Sport(s) nominee participated in
- Awards and Recognition (League, Section III, Region, State or All-American designation)
- Records Set
- Nominee’s Accomplishments after High School
- Current Employment of Nominee
- Personal Comments
- Person Making the Nomination (include address and contact information)

Important Reminder for LCSD Parents

Is your contact information up-to-date for emergency notifications?

Don’t For-get

New Mailing Address?
New Phone Number?
New E-mail Address?

Contact your child’s school to update your information.

BOE Approves 2020-2021 School Calendar

At its February 10th meeting, the Liverpool Central School District Board of Education approved the calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

- September 7: Labor Day
- September 8-9: Superintendent’s Conference Day
- September 10: First Day of School
- October 12: Columbus Day Observance
- November 3: Superintendent’s Conference Day
- November 11: Veterans Day Observance
- November 25-27: Thanksgiving Recess
- December 24-31: Holiday Recess
- December 25: Christmas Holiday
- January 1: New Year’s Holiday
- January 18: Martin Luther King Day
- January 26-29: Regents Exams
- February 15: President’s Day Holiday
- February 16-19: Winter Recess
- March 15: Superintendent’s Conference Day
- March 29-31: Spring Recess
- April 1: Spring Recess
- April 2: Good Friday
- May 31: Memorial Day Holiday
- June 2: Regents Testing Day
- June 16-24: Regents Exams
- June 20: Graduation
- June 25: Rating Day

You can download a one-page PDF of the calendar by visiting the LCSD Web site at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us.

A printed calendar will be mailed home to LCSD families in mid-August.
Petitions Available for Board of Education Seats


Successors to these offices will be elected to three-year terms, effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, at the annual school district election on May 19, 2020.

These board seats currently are held by Stacey Balduf, James M. Root and Kevin VanNess.

Board of Education vacancies are not considered to be separate specific offices. The nominating petition does not describe a specific vacancy for which the candidate is being nominated.

Each petition is considered for a seat on the Board of Education as a whole and not as applicable only to a specific office presently held by a particular individual.

Candidates may be nominated only by petition. Each nominating petition shall be filed with the Office of the Deputy Superintendent, in Room 1 of the District Office, 195 Blackberry Road, no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 20.

Petition forms to nominate candidates for election to the Board of Education will be available beginning March 16 in the Office of the Deputy Superintendent, located in Room 1 of the District Office.

Each nominating petition must state the name and residence of the candidate and be signed by at least 27 qualified voters of the school district.

For additional information about Board of Education membership or the upcoming Budget Vote and BOE Election, contact the Office of the Deputy Superintendent at 315-622-7148.
The Liverpool Central School District and its library media specialists will celebrate the life of fellow library media specialist Lori Bresnahan during a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 21, beginning at 6 p.m., at the newly-renovated Liverpool Public Library (Vine Street in the village of Liverpool). At that time, they will present the fourth-ever Bresnahan Book Award.

Students at all nine Liverpool elementary schools recently had the opportunity to read each of this year’s nominated books.

The books were selected because they also are nominated for the 2020 Charlotte Award, which was one of Bresnahan’s favorites. Every other year, the New York State Reading Association presents the Charlotte Award, which recognizes books that represent diversity, demonstrate different genres and formats, and appeal to children as much as they appeal to their teachers.

Much like the Charlotte Award, LCSD elementary students are in the process of voting for the winner of the fourth-ever Bresnahan Book Award.

The Bresnahan Book Award event also will include local and LCSD celebrities reading the nominated books as well as previous winners. Special performances will take place throughout the evening.

The Bresnahan Book Award was established to honor the life of the library media specialist, who passed away in March 2013.

One of Bresnahan’s great passions was sharing books with children, and the district’s library media specialists decided that there was no better way to keep her love of literature alive than by creating a book award in her honor.

*Penguin and Pinecone,* by Salina Yoon, was the inaugural winner in 2014. *The Book with No Pictures,* by B.J. Novak, was selected the winner in 2016. *Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie the Pooh,* written by Sally M. Walker and illustrated by Jonathan D. Voss was selected the winner in 2018.

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**Bresnahan Book Award Nominees**

**Grumpy Monkey**
written by Suzanne Lang
and illustrated by Max Lang

**Elmore**
written and illustrated by Holly Hobbie

**The First Men Who Went to the Moon**
written by Rhonda Gowler Greene
and illustrated by Scott Brundage

**Can I Be Your Dog?**
written and illustrated by Troy Cummings

**Moon: A Peek-Through Picture Book**
written and illustrated by Britta Teckentrup

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**Liverpool High School’s Annual Senior Citizen Dance Barnyard Bash**

**Save the Date!**

May 2, 2020

No Reservations Required.

Contact J. Olden with questions: 315-453-1500
LCSD Middle School Vex Robotics Club to Compete at States

A group of middle school students recently gathered in technology teacher Matthew Starke’s classroom at Soule Road Middle and quickly got to work.

Their focus? Brainstorming and improving three robots that are scheduled to compete at the Northern New York State VEX IQ Squared Away State Championships. The students qualified for the state competition after winning three top awards during the district's first-ever VEX IQ Robotics Challenge for middle school students.

While robotics has been a mainstay at Liverpool High School for more than 20 years, this school year is the first time that middle school students have had the opportunity to participate in robotics competitions.

This year Starke, who taught technology at LHS before transferring to SRM, helped pilot a middle school Arctic Warriors Robotics Club for students at Chestnut Hill Middle, Liverpool Middle and SRM. Club members are CHM eighth-graders Audrey Blumer and Ayane Dela Cruz; LMS eighth-graders Detrim White, Ethan Warner, Kaitlyn Thompson, Ben Esek, Samuel Goldsmith, James Springall and Medin Kahrimanovic; and SRM eighth-graders Hunter Eichholz, Anika Keysor, Dylan Abdo, Kaden Bickford, Anthony Metrick, Devin Botsford and Mikael Frost.

In addition to the first robotics club for middle school students, the district hosted its first middle school competition on January 25. Schools from across Central New York traveled to SRM to participate in this year’s game, known as VEX IQ Challenge Squared Away.

The Arctic Warriors won the competition's Design Award and two Teamwork 3rd Place Awards.

Squared Away is played on a 4’x8’ rectangular field where two robots compete as an alliance in 60-second long Teamwork Challenge matches. The robots work collaboratively to accumulate as many points as possible by scoring balls in or on cubes, and scoring cubes into corner goals or platforms. Teams also compete in two additional challenges; the Driving Skills Challenge, where one robot scores as many points as possible under driver control; and the Programming Skills Challenge, where one robot scores as many points as possible autonomously, without any driver inputs.

The NNYS VEX IQ Squared Away State Championships will take place on February 29 at the Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center in downtown Syracuse.
Non-Public Transportation Requests Due April 1

Requests for school district transportation to non-public schools for the 2020-2021 school year must be filed at the Liverpool Central School District Transportation Center by Wednesday, April 1.

Applications must state the name, address, telephone number, date of birth and grade of the student for whom the request is being submitted, as well as the name, address and telephone number of the school to which transportation is requested.

Babysitter arrangements must be located within the LCSD boundaries and within the public school enrollment area that the requestor resides.

Request forms may be obtained at the various non-public schools, at the Transportation Center located at 4101 Long Branch Road, Liverpool, N.Y. 13090, and online at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/page/transportation.