



*A publication designed to build community pride and awareness in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools*

## 2019-2020 School Year Officially, and Successfully Underway!



**Superintendent  
Linda N. Reid**

### Pride-Filled First Day for the SEL Schools!

The first day of school in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools began on Thursday, August 15, 2019, with a great deal of excitement and pride throughout all buildings in the District. Building Principals and their staffs greeted students and families with hugs, smiles and a tremendous sense of happiness. At Charles F. Brush High School, the marching band greeted students with thundering, melodic pep music while the Cheerleading squad and Arcettes provided spirit and pride. Claps in's took

place at other buildings and parents walked their elementary students to the door and wished them well for this official first day of school. A smooth start characterized the first day of the 2019-2020 school year and we invite the community to share in the pride, excitement and achievement that will be in store throughout the year!

### The SEL Schools Welcomes Josh Hill as Treasurer

On behalf of the SEL Schools, we officially welcome Josh Hill as the next Treasurer of our District. Hired by the Board of Education at a Special Meeting held on Monday, July 29, 2019, through a unanimous vote, Josh's hiring comes at the completion of an exhaustive hiring process, overseen by Finding Leaders, a renowned, professional search firm, where many highly qualified applicants were interviewed. "The SEL Schools formally welcomes Mr. Hill as the new Treasurer of our District," said SEL Schools Board President Stefanie Rhine. "His experience as Treasurer, professionalism and eagerness to join our team best suited Mr. Hill for this position." Mr. Hill joins

the SEL Schools with a tremendous amount of public education and finance experience, serving as Treasurer most recently in the Lorain City Schools and the Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools, and as Assistant Treasurer in the Cloverleaf Schools. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and a Master's in Business Administration from Cleveland State University. Prior to his time in public education finance, Mr. Hill also spent time in the Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office. Please join the Board of Education in welcoming Mr. Josh Hill as the next Treasurer in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. Thank you for your continued support!

### Arcy is Unveiled as New SEL Schools Mascot for All Students



**Arcy, The SEL Schools' new mascot, shows Arc Pride at a recent pep rally!**

Finally, as part of an ongoing effort to reinforce the spirit and pride in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools, the District recently unveiled a new mascot, "Arcy," who embodies the very essence of student-oriented success throughout our schools. The pursuit of a new mascot for the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools emanated from the community-oriented strategic planning effort that was first kicked off in 2013, whereby the vision of being The Destination School Community was embedded into the fabric of our school's organizational trajectory. With the brand successfully revitalized during the first phase of the strategic plan, the next phase directed the District to create a mascot. Along with the impassioned creativity and motivation of approximately 12 students from Brush High School, who met with me over the course of the last two years, Arcy was born! Today, he visits athletic, academic and student leadership events at all grade levels in all buildings. Special thanks to these students, and to Arcy, for helping to kick off the 2019-2020 school year with unprecedented Arc Pride!

### GO ARCS!

**Linda N. Reid  
Superintendent of Schools**



**Superintendent Linda N. Reid helped students kick off the 2019-2020 School Year on August 15, 2019!**



## STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES IN THE SEL SCHOOLS!

The successes of students and staff in the SEL Schools are taking place all of the time throughout our District. Page 2 and 3 of the newsletter showcases just a handful of those positive stories and demonstrates how a constructive learning environment, combined with devoted staff members and hard-working students can produce “future-ready” skills.

### ➤ Greenview Campus Has Successful Opening for 2019-2020 School Year



*The Greenview Campus now features Greenview Intermediate School for 4th Grade students and Greenview Middle School for 5th and 6th grade students.*

Students and staff at Greenview Campus, formerly known as Greenview Upper Elementary School, have enjoyed a successful start to the 2019-2020 school year. The school redesign process involved the creation of two schools, Greenview Intermediate School (4th Grade) and Greenview Middle School (5th-6th grade), in the same building. The “school within a school” concept was implemented to focus on the needs of incoming elementary fourth grade students, while embracing a middle school concept for fifth and sixth grade students. Congratulations to the Greenview Campus staff and students on a successful transition!

### ➤ Adrian Elementary Surpasses 50,000 Donated Books Received Through First Book Partnership

Adrian Elementary School hit a significant milestone recently as the Learning Resource Center has now received over 50,000 donated books valued at over \$500,000 through a partnership with First Book! Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, First Book, a non-profit social enterprise which provides new books to students in need, has donated class sets for entire grade levels to Adrian Elementary School. Students use the books during in-class activities and homework assignments in the Learning Resource Center. Adrian Learning Resource Center teacher Ms. Cathy Stang requests and organizes shipments of books, and regularly submits grant requests to community partners, including Legacy Village and Mayfield Church in Chesterland, which helps to cover shipping costs.



*Adrian students with Cathy Stang who has been instrumental in helping to accumulate 50,000 donated books!*

### ➤ Memorial Students Successfully Transition to Brush High School



*The District's community-based strategic plan provides for deliberate transitional activities for students when moving from one building to the next in our District, as was the case for incoming Brush High School seniors.*

As part of the SEL Schools' deliberate desire to make the transition between building levels smooth, functional and full of happiness and Arc pride, more than 30 incoming Brush High School freshman recently participated in a week-long opportunity to get to know their new building. For approximately one week during the summer, a select group of students who primarily had just graduated from Memorial Junior High School had the opportunity to spend a few hours each day at Brush High School with teachers of core subject areas. Their time was spent performing meaningful activities, learning about what the course load and requirements will involve and getting to know these teachers. The summer culminated with a lunch at Wildwood Reservation in the Cleveland Metro Parks, and where students showcased a “Vision Board” that they created during the week which boldly shares what they intend their futures to hold. Some shared about their future career paths while others proudly proclaimed what high profile academic institutions they plan to attend in the future. In all, the incoming freshman experience was designed to instill comfort during the transition and is expected to enlarge in participation in the future.

## STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES IN THE SEL SCHOOLS!

### ➤ SEL Appreciation Day Showcased Student Talent and Engages Community



*The 3rd Annual SEL Appreciation Day raised money to benefit student organizations.*

The South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools, in partnership with Legacy Village, hosted its 3rd annual **SEL Appreciation Day on September 14, 2019**. SEL students in all grades had the opportunity to share in activities and perform for the community with all funds raised going towards various student organizations. Among the various performances were the resounding melodies of the Brush High School Marching Band, the talented dancers of the Arcettes and Cheerleaders and the rhythmic beats of the Jazz Band. Now in its 3rd year, SEL Appreciation Day has become a staple event for community members to see firsthand the skills of our students and the organizations in which they meaningfully participate. Some of the booths and activities included the Brush Alumni Association who shared photos and yearbooks from Brush High School days past, the

Robotics Team who offered live remote-controlled demonstrations of robots for children and the Brush Orchestra. Special thanks goes out to the public safety forces for staging police and fire vehicles for people to tour. In all, the 3rd Annual SEL Appreciation Day was a grand success with all proceeds benefitting SEL Student organizations. Thank you to everyone who made this year's SEL Appreciation Day so successful!

### ➤ Fathers and Father Figures Show Their Love and Support for SEL Students

Students throughout the District participated in the annual **Fathers Walk** sponsored by The Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative on Thursday, September 19th. As part of the yearly program, fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles and other father-figures are encouraged to walk to school with their children to demonstrate the important role that they play in their students' lives. Donuts and other light refreshments were served upon arrival at the buildings. The event culminated with all participants standing and reciting the Fathers Walk Pledge, expressing their commitment to support their child's learning and communicate the importance of doing their best in school. Each father and father-figure in attendance then walked with their child to their classroom or the main entrance of the school building. Thank you to the fathers and father-figures who participated in this year's **Fathers Walk**.



*Fathers and father-figures walked their children to school on Thursday, September 19th.*

### ➤ Arcy Unveiled as New District Mascot



*Sloane Boukobza, a senior at Brush High School, helped with the creation of Arcy, our new mascot!*

As part of an ongoing effort to reinforce the spirit and pride the community has in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools, the District recently unveiled a new mascot, "Arcy," who embodies the very essence of student-oriented success throughout our schools. The District's community based strategic plan gave the direction to create the new mascot, and Superintendent Linda N. Reid took the initiative one step further and involved a handful of students over the last year to brainstorm characteristics of the new mascot, leading to its ultimate design. Unveiled earlier this school year, Arcy has joined the Brush Marching Band and Cheerleading squad during athletic contests, evoking pride and generating excitement. In addition, Arcy makes regular appearances at the elementary schools, Greenview and Memorial Junior High School. Arcy is a mascot for every student in this District.







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## SEL SPOTLIGHT

### JOSH HILL BECOMES NEXT TREASURER OF THE SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST SCHOOLS



**SEL Treasurer Josh Hill**

This edition's spotlight shines brightly on a new face to an important position in the SEL Schools. Josh Hill, who was officially hired as the new Treasurer of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools, was selected by a unanimous vote of the Board of Education at a Special Meeting held on Monday, July 29, 2019. The hiring comes at the completion of an exhaustive hiring process, overseen by *Finding Leaders*, a renowned, professional search firm, where many highly qualified applicants were interviewed.

"I'm excited about the direction of the District," said Mr. Hill. "I look forward to bringing a positive, goal-oriented imprint to the Treasurer's Office."

Josh Hill is eager to build upon the foundation established by previous treasurers. Putting to use his Six Sigma Black Belt certification, he intends to use the first year to completely understand the nuances of the budgeting and financial operations of the SEL Schools, and then begin taking action in the near future. His hopes include to streamline budgeting processes and the overall operational efficiencies of the Treasurer's Office in the District. This will likely include cross-training the individuals responsible for the important internal operations, such as payroll, accounts payable, and benefits. Most importantly, Josh Hill is dedicated to transparency when it comes to the District's finances. "My door is always open to the staff or community to answer questions," continues Mr.

Hill. "If there are features or information that the community would like to see, I am excited to fulfill those requests in the spirit of open and transparent communications."

Please join the Board of Education, District leadership and everyone in our school family in welcoming Mr. Josh Hill as the new Treasurer in the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools. Thank you for your continued support!