

## Derry Cooperative School District Operational Facts

### Things you may not know...

- We are a year round operation. We hold classes for students during every month of the year, including July and August
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest school district in the state for students preK-21, over 6000 students
- Largest employer in Derry, we have over 650 employees and 2 labor unions to negotiate agreements with. To manage the HR Department, we have 1 HR Director and an Assistant. They oversee all benefits, leaves, FMLA, employee complaints and Title 9 investigations
- The district consists of 10 separate buildings (8 schools, warehouse, central office) which are staffed and need upkeep. The buildings are open from 6 am to 11pm each day. They are rented out and both middle schools are used almost 7 days each week. Some of the rentals include churches, Chinese school, and Derry Rec Leagues, Adult Education
- Our warehouse houses a central supply for the district where orders come in weekly and are then brought to each school through our own delivery service
- Between breakfast and lunch we serve over 2400 meals (breakfast and lunch) each day in 7 different kitchens. That is approximately 432,000 meals each school year. The District offers a catering menu for both District functions as well as functions hosted by PTAs and other renters. We have one food service director who supervises operations as well as plans out the menus which must meet federal guidelines. The kitchens are inspected using a higher standard of cleanliness than restaurants
- The budget is over 70 million dollars. The Finance office has 1 payroll person, 1 accounts receivable and 1 accounts payable person. The BA oversees and manages the dept and the large budget. Most payrolls we process over 700 checks between full and part time employees. Each month the Finance Dept expends over million dollars in salary benefits tuition, and day to day expenditures
- We have over 1200 students who have special needs and need specialized instruction. Those needs include OT, PT, Speech/Lang. Those same services can be found in most rehab hospitals in the state
- Some of our students have pervasive needs which include having a full time nurse attending to their medical needs all day. This year, there are three students who have their own nurse throughout the day. That is a higher standard than most intensive care units at a trauma center

- Over 75 students are placed in a more restrictive school setting and are bused to sites up to 1 hour away each day. We are in charge of overseeing their program and have contracted a provider to be the LEA (local education agency) for each of those students.
- In the area of technology, the District has over 1000 computers and additional servers for email, student information system, financial software, student programs, etc. To keep this system up and running we have 2 computer techs, a network administrator, a data input assistant, and a director of informational services. A state requirement is that all students have SASID numbers which is a personal identification number. All students' attendance rates, school moves, test scores, and special ed services are tracked by the state through the numbers. The District now must update this information weekly to the state
- The District runs a public access television studio which has programming on day and night. We have one employee who films, edits, uploads, and designs programming
- We have a maintenance staff that takes care of maintenance issues throughout each day. They begin their day at 1:00 and work until 9:00 taking care of basic plumbing, carpentry, and electrical issues.
- The maintenance staff is also required to plow all our properties and take care of the lawn care and landscaping upkeep

### So What are We Working On...

1. Open Kindergarten in September
  - Building two classrooms at Grinnell
  - Reorganizing staff at each school- lessening grades 4-5
  - Design and retrofit k classrooms at each school
  - Configure bus routes which will determine am and pm
2. Curriculum Development for Math and Science- Aligned to state standards
3. Technology Integration continues to improve
  - All students now have digital portfolios (state standard)
  - Elementary students work with technology each week
  - Middle school has new classes such as Media Smarts, Web Page Design, and multi-media
  - Parents can access middle school grades, attendance records online