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THE PULSE

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Introductions

BY: KEVIN SPENCER & TARA HOUSER

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce you to the Operations team and vision behind The Pulse. Tara joined Central Bucks School District as the Chief Operating Officer in May of 2022. She brings along with her a breadth of knowledge from both public and private sector finances and operations in education, healthcare, and energy. Tara oversees operations, business office, finance, food service, and transportation for CB. Kevin joined CB as the Director of Operations in October of 2022 with a diverse background in landscape architecture and engineering, operations, capital projects, and finance. We would love to share with you the exceptional work ethic and raw talent of the Operations staff. Operations is the heartbeat of the district and work diligently every day to ensure facilities are operating effectively and efficiently to support the teaching and learning of our educators and students. The Pulse will highlight projects and operations initiatives in each new issue. Below are key administrators that make up the Operations leadership team.



TARA HOUSER, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



KEVIN SPENCER, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS



Tara Houser Chief Operating Officer	Kevin Spencer Director of Operations	Matt Rhode District Facilities Manager	Suzanne Moffat District Operations Manager	Tom Hanna Capital Projects Manager	Scott Argetsinger District Safety & Security Manager
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School Safety and Security Update

BY: KEVIN SPENCER & SCOTT ARGETSINGER

The Operations Department has been diligently working to build upon the strong foundation of safety and security that CBSD has for our schools. In February, Scott Argetsinger joined the CB team as the District Safety and Security Manager. Scott retired from a distinguished career in the military and local and federal law enforcement. We have a multi-tiered approach to security at CB that incorporates Physical Building Improvements, Education & Training, and Security Personnel & Law Enforcement.

CBSD's vision is to foster a safe, secure, and nurturing environment that prioritizes education and academic excellence. We seek to establish positive role models and mentors through our staff and law enforcement agency partners. CBSD works closely with all seven law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction over our 23 schools.



School Resource Officers (SROs) are law enforcement officers that work for the local municipal police department, but are selected specifically to work in and support our schools. SROs have specific school safety training that focuses on the core elements of a teacher, mentor/role model, and law enforcement officer. The District has had an SRO for 13 years at CB South High School and we are currently working closely with Buckingham Township and CB Regional Police Commission elected officials on agreements to add SROs for the 2023-2024 school year as part of the District's overall strategy and vision for school safety.

SROs have proven to reduce violence in schools, have a positive impact on youth, and play a crucial role in the development of positive relationships between law enforcement agencies and schools. For more information, please refer to the [School Safety presentation](#) developed for recent public meetings detailing why the district has chosen SROs.

Check out the
News for Families
section of the Operations
webpage for updated
information and security
alerts relevant to CBSD
[Link to News for Families](#)

"Schools with SROs engaging
in education and mentorship
programs report fewer crimes."

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"If you fail to prepare,
you're prepared to
fail."

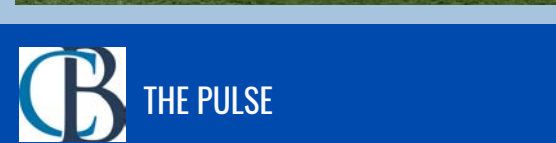
MARK SPITZ

Spring Athletic Field Prep

BY: MATT RHODE

Spring is here! Flowers have bloomed, birds are chirping, and grass is growing. CBSD facilities sit on 750 acres across 27 sites that transform from dormant grounds to a bustling operation of weekly maintenance. Our grounds and building staff maintain 50+ athletic fields at the secondary schools. Tremendous care goes into making sure the ball fields are not only game time ready, but are safe to play on. Flower beds are cultivated and mulched to give our schools that beautiful curb appeal and ensure a welcoming place for the students, staff, and visitors. On opening day of any sport, a green athletic field is easy to take for granted, unless you have seen all of the prep work that preceded that first game. CB holds their fields on a top shelf status through daily care and scheduled field maintenance including: aeration, seeding, fertilizing, weed applications, top dressing, and infield conditioning. Growth blankets are installed over winter months to help establish a healthy root system in order to provide student athletes with a play surface that is beautiful and safe.

One specific project I would like to highlight is the JV Football field at CB East High School. Concerns were brought to Operations about the drainage and grass growth conditions. Grounds evaluated the field conditions and found a large part of the problem was due to the soil conditions and ground compaction from initial installation and daily use from normal athletic sporting seasons. The grounds department started this project in late fall 2022 by having the field deep tine aerated and leveled out with top dressing. Grounds then followed up by applying a blend of grass seed and a shot of fertilizer. Finally the field was covered with growth blankets for the winter months. Once spring arrived, grounds prepped the field for the track competitions and made some adjustments to field management with grass cutting height adjustment and fertilization to establish a healthy root system.





Lenape Middle School HVAC Renovations

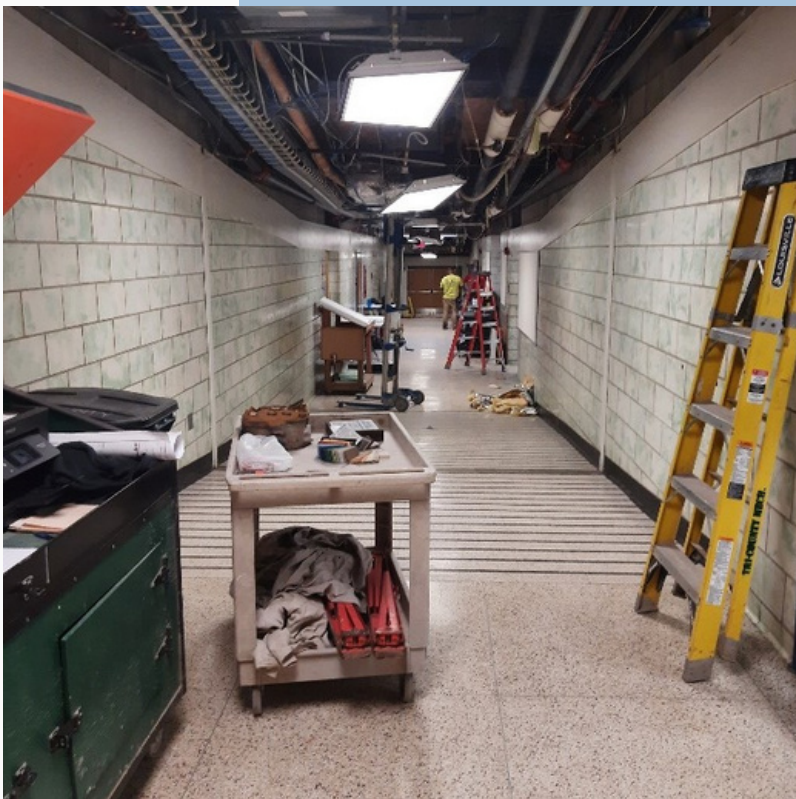
BY: TOM HANNA

Construction of the Lenape Middle School HVAC Renovation is in progress! Lenape is the last district middle school to receive air conditioning. The 20 month construction project started in January and will continue through August of 2024. Phase 2 will finish April 28 with the completion of 5 classrooms. Phase 3, with an additional 6 classrooms will be complete June 16. The project will provide a fully air conditioned building, along with building wide LED lighting upgrades, building security system, new library finishes and furniture, and replacement of the auditorium theatrical lighting and sound system. Follow the Lenape progress in future additions of The Pulse.



“The bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten.”

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN





Warehouse Operations & Distribution

BY: SUZANNE MOFFAT

Our Warehouse Team (Joe Hallman & Allen Charles) have a combined 53 years working for Central Bucks School District! They provide support to all departments at CB including Community School, Technology & Innovation, Print Shop, ESY, Student Services, each of the 23 schools, and support Operations with logistics across the district. They also help the Barclay Food Markey by transporting food donations to/from buildings and organizations. Operations uses an inventory software to track supplies and manage building requests and fulfillment.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE WAREHOUSE

- Deliver 1526 cases of Toilet Paper per school year
- Deliver 3272 cases of paper towels per school year
- Deliver 2169 cases of trash can liners per school year

**"The line between disorder
and order lies in logistics."**

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