



EMC Elementary Opens with Completed Construction Project

After a long year of construction, the facility will be ready to go for students and staff at EMC Elementary School. They will be able to use their new permanent classrooms, gym and kitchen when they return to school. Outdoors,

finishing touches will be completed through the Fall with new playground space and equipment included. Watch for information about a Community Open House later this Fall.

Pupil Services Sees Change in Leadership

Over the summer the Pupil Services department said goodbye to Director, Sharon Furhman. She had been in that position for the past five years and with the school district for 21 years. She spent six years as principal at West Broad Street Elementary and then planned the opening of Vernfield Elementary, where she served as principal for 10 years.

As Director of Pupil Services she faced many challenges, such as the cost of needed support services. But she has relished the opportunity to support the “whole child,” especially those students who face challenges themselves.

After 35 years in education, Furhman looks forward to spending more time with her family, doing volunteer work and traveling.

She spent time this summer helping with the transition for the new Pupil Services Director, Megan Zweiback.

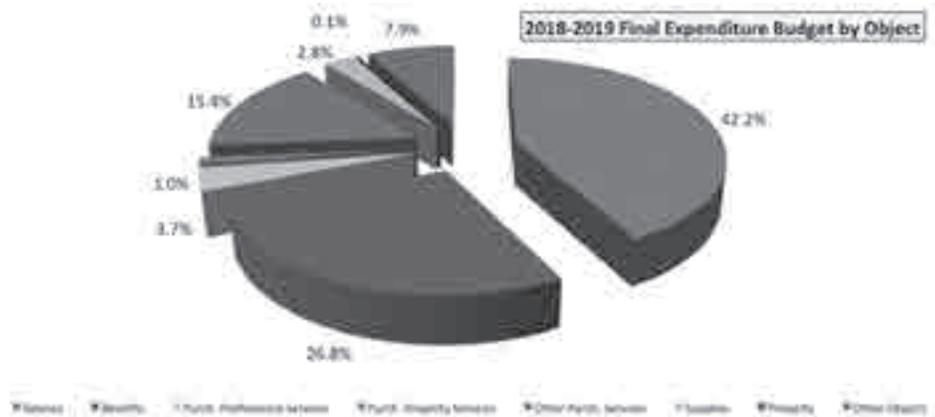
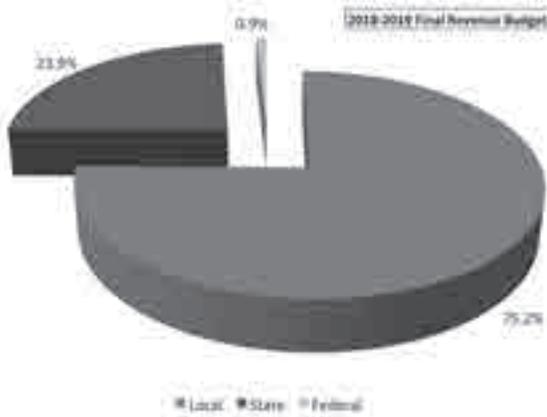
Zweiback is no stranger to the district, having served as the Supervisor of Special Education for the High School since 2009. She started her educational career in Massachusetts where she was a special



Sharon Furhman and Megan Zweiback

education aide and teacher. She looks forward to continuing her involvement in the world of special education, “by supporting our supervisors in creating strong programs for all of our students with special needs. I’m looking forward to working more closely with our principals around the district, as well as our pupil service departments-psychologists, counselors, nurses, and our security team” she said.

Budget Approved for 2018-19 School Year



The Souderton Area School District board approved the 2018-19 budget-- \$127.3 million—at the June 21 Board Meeting. After five years of real estate tax increases below 1%, the Board approved a 2.4% increase for this budget year. The pressures of mandated expenditures (especially payments to charter schools) became too great to absorb without a higher tax rate. The budget continues the District’s investment in high quality educational programming and advances the efforts of the *SASD Next* initiative. For more information about the budget, please visit the District’s website: www.soudertonsd.org/district/finance/budget.

Souderton Teachers Learn First Hand the Skills Needed to Succeed in the Real World

The Department of Labor and Industry has awarded the Souderton Area School District the *Teacher in the Workplace* grant for the 2018-2019 school year.

This competitive grant is an acknowledgement of the innovative professional learning programs that Souderton provides for their teachers and fosters an important partnership between educators and employers.

Through the *Teacher in the Workplace* program middle school teachers will have an opportunity to connect their classrooms to a variety of businesses in order to learn about industry trends, needs, and opportunities.

As a result of their participation, teachers will acquire valuable knowledge that will empower them to incorporate real world problems into their curriculum and enhance instruction in order to best prepare our students for future careers.

Class of 2018 Highlights

565 Graduates

- Creating an Inclusive School Community**
 In 2017-18 SAHS was recognized as a **National Banner Unified Champion School First school in PA** to receive the prestigious honor, and one of four schools in the U.S.
- Athletics**
25 of 29 varsity sports made post-season play.
Girls Basketball was District 1, Suburban One League, and Conference Champions
- Work-Related Experiences**
346 seniors completed a **20-hour unpaid mentorship**
- Variety of Colleges/Universities Attending (Sampling)**
 7 graduates will enter military service.
 IN STATE: Penn State, Pittsburgh, Temple, Villanova, Drexel, Franklin and Marshall, University of Pennsylvania
 OUT OF STATE: US Air Force Academy, US Military Academy at West Point, University of Maryland, University of South Carolina, Boston University, University of Connecticut, Purdue University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Syracuse University, University of Maine, University of Arizona, Dallas Baptist University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, The Cooper Union, University of Michigan
- Academics**
State Champion team individual state champion in the Academic Decathlon
 2 National **Merit Scholarship Finalists** and 1 **Commended Student**
- North Montco Technical Career Center**
 2 Skills USA Regional Champions
- Music**
 3 **All-Eastern** Music Ensemble Members — 1 **State** Music Ensemble Members.
 4 **Regional** Music Ensemble Members. — 7 **District** Music Ensemble Members.
- Art**
 Received an individual Gold Key in the **Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards** Regional Competition 2018
- Student Publications**
The Arrowhead (student newspaper), won national and state awards:
 Columbia Scholastic Press Association - Silver Crown Award
 National Scholastic Press Association - All-American Award
 Pennsylvania School Press Association - Gold Medal
The Unalivi (yearbook) was recognized nationally:
 National Scholastic Press Association - First Class Award
 Columbia Scholastic Press Association - Silver Medal
- Post-High School Plans**
 2% Military (9) — 80% Attending College/Post-Secondary