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for information regarding:

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# Springfield School District Virtual Vision

**Welcome to the first issue of the SSD Virtual Vision!**

This newsletter provides information about what's been happening in the district since the COVID-19 restrictions were enacted by Governor Wolf's office.

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**Congratulations to Springfield High School for being named on the U.S. News & World Report "Best High Schools 2020"!**

This year, Springfield High School is ranked 1,611 in National Rankings. In 2019, SHS ranked 2,159 and we invite you to share our pride as we are now in the top 7% of the country.

Springfield High School is ranked as 60th in the state, which is in the top 9% of high schools in Pennsylvania. In 2019, SHS was ranked 79th in the state. In 2020, Pennsylvania schools ranked in the top 1/3rd of the entire country.

Congratulations to the students, staff, and community of the Springfield School District. We are proud to be in the top 7% of the country, and the top 9% in Pennsylvania.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>

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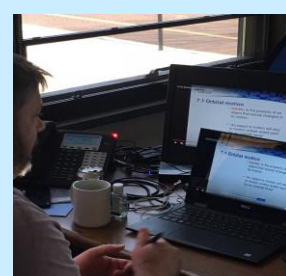


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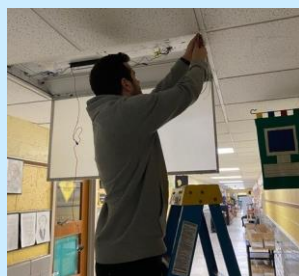
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## SSD Hard at Work

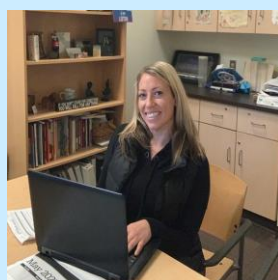
Although students are not in the buildings, SSD employees are hard at work in all departments across the school district.



**Above:** (left) Mrs. Conlin reviews the new AP testing guidelines; (center) Dr. Brigg works on the Sabold schedule; (right) Dr. Tracy works with ETR teachers to identify best practices for a virtual science lesson.



**Above:** (left) The SSD Electrician gets a jumpstart on summer work; (center) Dr. O'Dowd works on curriculum planning with Scenic teachers; (right) Mr. Hepp plans for the end of the year. **Left:** Technology Department distributes Chromebooks to elementary families.



**Above:** (left) Ms. Trella answers a parent email; (center) Learning Assistants work on district office projects; (right) ETR's ELA teachers perform a scene from a Shakespeare play to facilitate student understanding of their reading.

\* The photos above were taken prior to when the mask order was put in place. The individuals working in the school buildings are essential personnel.

## Grab-n-Go

Grab-n-Go lunch bags are available to those who qualify. Pick-up is on Wednesday mornings in front of SHS. Each bag contains enough food for 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals.

Over 250 Grab-n-Go lunch bags have been distributed since March 16, 2020, totaling 1,500 breakfast meals and 1,500 lunches.



## SAEF Update

Use this QR Code to view a message from SAEF Board President Steve Todero:



# SSD Online Learning Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Q. Who should I contact if I have a question about classes or assignments?

If your child is having difficulty with their virtual learning experience, please reach out to your child's teacher for assistance.

### Q. When is the last day of school for students?

The last day for seniors is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The last day for students is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Q. What do I do if my Chromebook isn't working?

If your Chromebook isn't working, please contact your child's teacher or contact your building principal to arrange a tech repair appointment.

### Q. Does my child have assignments every day for all classes?

Teachers are posting assignments daily. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's schedule. Teachers are in contact via Google Classroom, email and/or teacher websites.

The schedule for classes has been sent via email and is posted on our website. For more details, visit [www.ssdcougars.org/COVID19](http://www.ssdcougars.org/COVID19) and click on Extended Educational Schedules.

### Q. When can I get my student's belongings?

Information will be forthcoming concerning this topic, including personal item retrieval procedures, book collections, etc.

## Gold Pass Academy

Gold Pass Academy is going virtual!

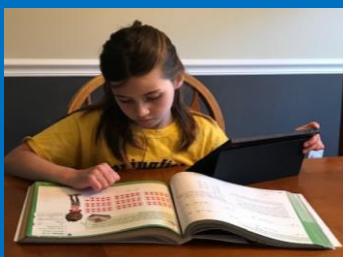
Gold Pass Virtual Academy will have a Spring Session from May 13<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Classes include American Sign Language, Meditation, and Floral Design. Registration is online only.



For more details visit: <https://www.ssdcougars.org/community/the-senior-connection>



Whether in a classroom or at home, SSD students always work hard!



## Seven Tips for Virtual Learning

Taking an online course gives you a lot of flexibility in where and when you do your classwork. That flexibility, however, means you have to take some extra steps to be successful. Here are seven tips to help you stay successful when learning in a virtual environment:

### 1. HAVE CORRECT EXPECTATIONS

Online classes usually have very similar academic rigor to their face-to-face counterparts. Approach your online class with this in mind so that you are not caught off-guard and fall behind.

### 2. ESTABLISH A GOOD WORKSPACE

It's even more important to have a good place to do your work for an online class. Find a quiet place with a good internet connection, access to power, and freedom from distraction.

### 3. KNOW YOUR RESOURCES

Figure out all of the resources you may need to use in the class. Ensure your computer is working well, and that you have any class materials you may need.

### 4. STAY ORGANIZED

It's important to stay organized. It's also wise to keep a copy of anything you submit in the event that a technology problem requires you to resubmit it.

### 5. MANAGE TIME WISELY

Just as you attend a class each week, you need to schedule time in your personal calendar to study the materials and complete assignments.

### 6. MEET YOUR PEERS AND INSTRUCTOR

It's important to visit your instructor's virtual office hours and engage in other online activities that promote a connection.

### 7. SEEK HELP WHEN NEEDED

The online space need not be an isolating one. Your instructor is still there to help you, though, even if you cannot see them in person.

Source: THE CENTER FOR INNOVATION IN TEACHING & LEARNING (CITL)

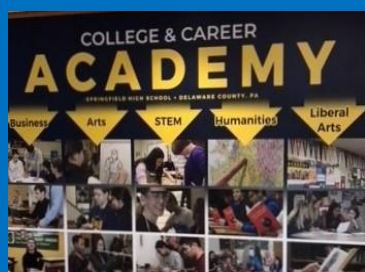
<http://online.illinois.edu/articles/online-learning/item/2015/09/16/7-tips-for-online-success>

## The SHS Class of 2020 graduates with a College & Career Academy experience.

This senior class has:

- Participated in the Naviance Curriculum, a four-year series of lessons which address the U. S. Department of Education's college readiness standards.
- Selected elective courses that fit within their chosen Academy.
- Taken part in two Career Days – hearing from two dynamic keynote speakers and attending six self-chosen breakout sessions with over a hundred professionals.
- Attended classes in which their teachers connected their learning to the Employability Skills Framework.

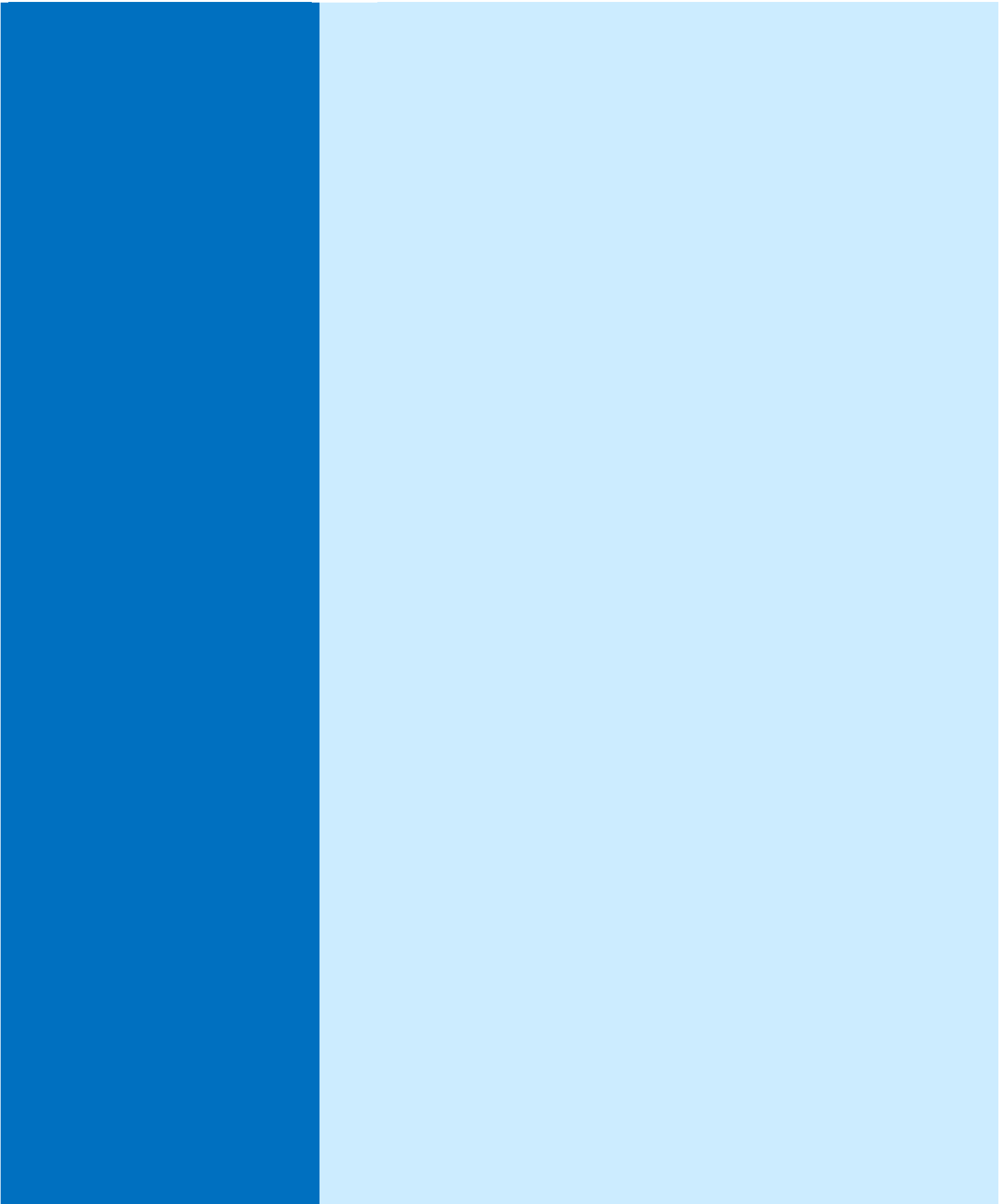
They are ready to embark on the next stage of their academic or professional journey!

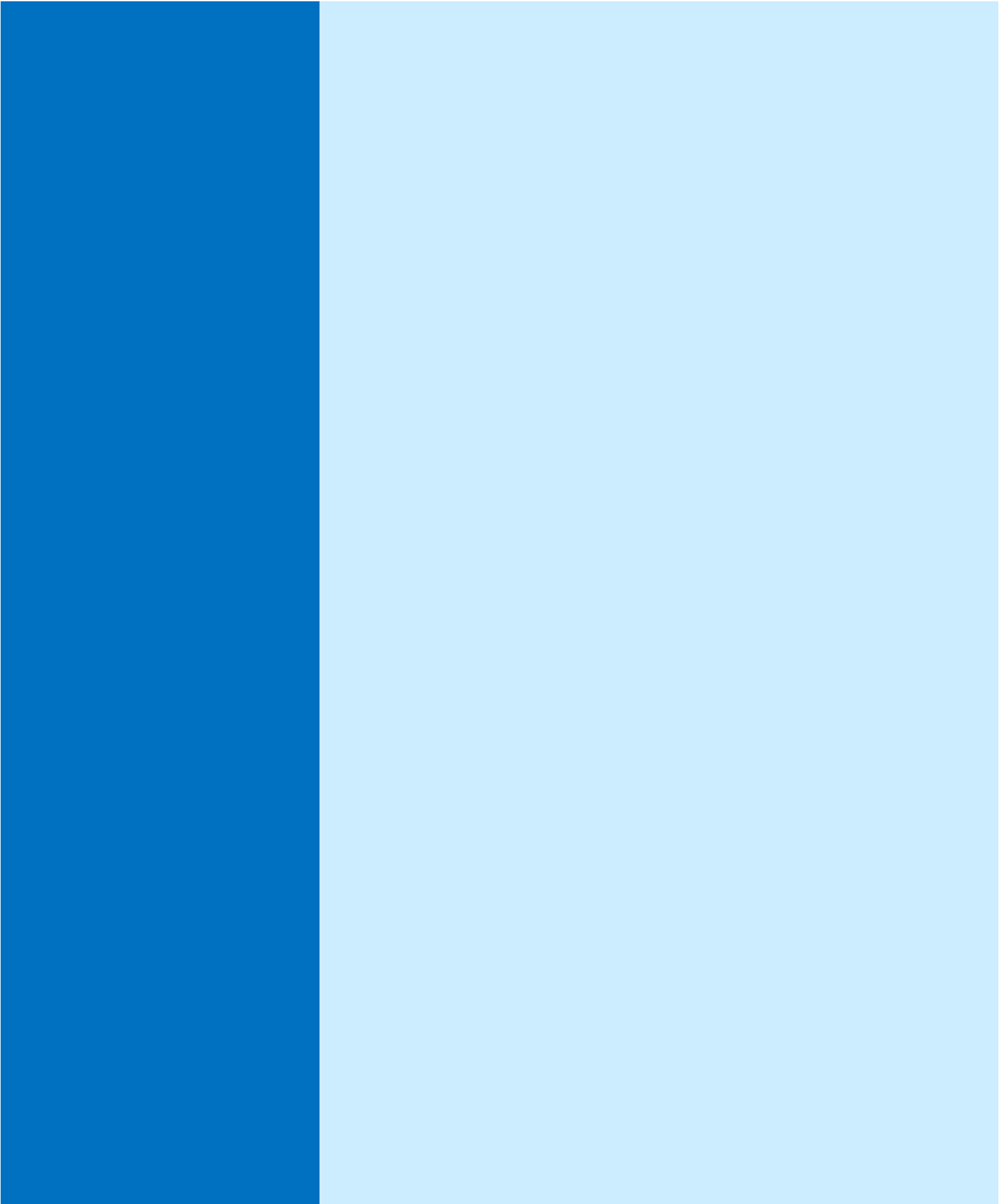


## Congratulations Class of 2020!

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Daniel Albany	Wayne DeCaria, III	Colin Hopkins	Anthony Meloni	Makiya Sanders
Devin Allen	Taylor DeHart	Harrison Houghton	Alexa Mihaita	Andrew Sanfilippo
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Jack Crockarell	Jalen Hill	Christian McGee	Jason Rodden	Oscar Wright-Chapis
Nasir Cryor	John Hirt	Julia McGuigan	Eric Rodgers	Ryan Zagrocki
Meghan Cull	Jessica Homan	Matthew McKeon	Thomas Ronayne, JR.	Adin Zappo
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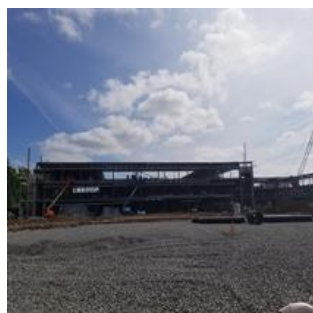
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The Springfield School District has continued to advance the high school Master Plan over the last twelve months. The pictures above show the progress that has been made with the building construction.

Through early March 2020, significant progress has been made on the building exterior, interior drywall, window installation, mechanical systems, and the stadium facilities. In the middle of March, the District was faced with managing the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. School facilities were closed as of March 14<sup>th</sup> and the high school construction project was suspended on March 21<sup>st</sup>. In early April, the School Board made the decision to reopen the high school construction project and resume construction activities. Over the last three weeks the contractors have been returning and construction activity has been ramping up. The construction site has implemented safety protocols in accordance with CDC

Guidelines and the workforce has been following them daily.

As we move into the summer and early fall, the focus will be on completing the building interior and final installation and testing of building mechanical systems. The stadium facilities and related sitework will be completed during the spring and summer except for the visitors' bleachers which will be part of Phase 3 of the project. Other sitework on the east side of the campus will occur during the summer and final paving of Rolling Road will be completed prior to the projected opening of the new school year.

Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the project have been bid or are in the process of soliciting bids. Phase 2 work which is the demolition of the existing high school and related sitework will commence upon the completion of the new building and occupancy of the space projected to be at the end of December 2020. Phase 3 work will start at the completion of the demolition phase and will include the installation of the remaining athletic fields, visitor bleachers and construction of the District maintenance building.

In 2019 the district issued an additional \$36 million in new bond proceeds to finance the construction project. To date, the District has generated approximately \$110 million in construction fund deposits that are funding current project costs. The district expects to issue the remaining bonds in the fall of 2020 or the first quarter of 2021.