# AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

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# **Appointment of New Superintendent**

The Coatesville Area School Board (CASB) voted on the appointment of Tomás Hanna as its next superintendent of schools at a special board meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome a superintendent with Mr. Hanna's diverse experience and background," said Robert Fisher, president of the Coatesville Area School Board. "His extensive leadership experience in urban school districts such as the New York City Department of Education and the School District of Philadelphia will bring to our district a valuable perspective on the challenges the Coatesville Area School District is facing.

"His role as a deputy superintendent, high school principal, human resources director and as a teacher will enable Mr. Hanna to draw upon his direct experience in a number of educational leadership positions to inform and guide his decisions," said Fisher.

Hanna is currently the chief human capital officer for the New York City Department of Education. He has worked in New York City schools since 2011 where he has also served as executive director of organizational services, and chief of innovation. Prior to the New York City Department of Education, Hanna served as associate superintendent for academic support and senior vice president for human resources for the School District of Philadelphia. He also served as principal of Kensington High School in the School District of Philadelphia, and a teacher of bilingual and English language learners.

"I am excited to meet our students, families and communities, to hear more about their visions for Coatesville schools, and to begin working together toward our goals," said Hanna. "I also am excited to engage our teachers, school leaders and support staff to listen, learn, and talk about why and how we do our work in the service of our nearly 6,000 students and their families. Our goal will be to ensure high-quality teaching and learning, and to make our schools joyful places for students and staff alike."

Mr. Hanna received his undergraduate degree from the University of Puerto Rico in secondary English education; his master's degree is in bilingual education from LaSalle University, and his superintendent letter of eligibility was earned at St. Joseph's University.

Welcome, Mr. Hanna! We are excited to have you join the Coatesville family!

## Coatesville Graduates Earn Millions in Scholarships

The Coatesville Area School District is proud to announce that students from the 2020 graduating class collectively earned over \$4.1 million dollars in scholarships! These awards are both academic and athletic. We are so very proud of their hard work and we know they are off to great things! Congratulations to the Coatesville Class of 2020! If you missed our Virtual Graduation Ceremony, you can watch it <a href="here">here</a>.



## **Chester County COVID Testing**

Chester County COVID-19 PCR (nasal swab) testing sites are now open to the public with no out-of-pocket costs and no prescription requirements. If folks have insurance, the County will try to bill, however, if not covered, the County will cover the cost. Please use the website link below for sites, days, and times in your area. Preregistration is encouraged.

Website Link

**Registration Flyer** 

# Thank you to our Food Service Workers



We would like to recognize the dedicated team in our Food Services Department! Our staff has worked hard not only to make sure that all our students were provided a breakfast and lunch during our school closure, but that they will continue to receive these meals over the summer. Please see our announcements below for details about ordering meals and distribution throughout the summer.

#### **CASD Announcements**

#### **Food Distribution**

The Coatesville Area School District is continuing to offer Grab-and-Go Breakfast and Lunch for Coatesville kids. Meals will be distributed every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the following locations: Coatesville Area Senior High School, Scott, and Rainbow Elementary. Meals must be preordered at <a href="https://bit.ly/CASDmeals">https://bit.ly/CASDmeals</a>. As a reminder, meals are for children under the age of 18 and are free of charge.

### **West Chester Food Cupboard**

The West Chester Food cupboard has started serving individuals and families outside the West Chester Area School District. Please use the link below for food distribution information. <a href="https://westchesterfoodcupboard.org/">https://westchesterfoodcupboard.org/</a>

# **Kindergarten Registration Underway**

CASD Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now available under Quick Links on the District's website. Please



go to: https://www.casdschools.org/Page/1

# **Sign Up to Receive District Emails**

If you would like to keep up to date with communications from the district, you can enter your contact information using the link below. This link is for taxpayers who live within the District who are not already on our distribution list.

https://forms.gle/E5qeqjmWEZjxi2zv8.

# Learn More about CASD Programs

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