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We are aware that there has been a lot of misinformation quoted in media and the community, and we would like to clarify some things with the facts.

1. The furlough of a Social Studies teacher is related to change in programming and drop of enrollment of courses over a period of time.
2. The furlough procedure is not a reflection of poor performance of a teacher. We must follow the teacher union contract in identifying the teacher of least seniority.
3. All teachers with Pennsylvania Social Studies certification are qualified to teach any Social Studies elective courses. We want to reiterate that criminal justice, psychology, child psychology, sociology, and archaeology still remain in the 2017-2018 High School Course Selection Guide which is posted on the District website under the Guidance Office Tab, High School Guidance.
4. In response to the belief that we are reducing history classes, the amount of time allocated to block scheduling provides students the required time needed for a half-credit course in a nine-week block.
5. It has been reported that Social Studies has been reduced to 1.5 credits for graduation. This is not true; there are three credits for Social Studies in our newly revised Graduation Policy and this is in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code.
6. World History will be taught next year in 9th grade.
7. There has been some confusion about the opportunities for students to schedule their classes. Students not participating in the Mass Customized Learning (MCL) pilot program will schedule classes as they have in the past. MCL students will also have the opportunity for non-traditional course offerings.
8. Art, music and physical education courses are still included in the curriculum.