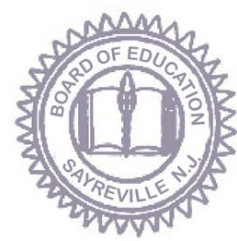




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Talk Sup Week 18 Review and Preview

January 11, 2021

Good morning Sayreville. I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please remember that **this afternoon** there will be **no teacher office hours** so that our faculty can participate in professional development activities. Likewise, please remember that next **Monday, January 18th**, our **schools will be closed** and there will be **no in-person or virtual instruction** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.



Like many of you, I was shocked and horrified last Wednesday to watch the images of violent protestors and rioters storm, seize, and vandalize the United States Capital Building in Washington D.C. While having the freedom to possess and express our personal beliefs and political opinions is what makes our nation the greatest on earth, I hope that our entire community will join me in denouncing the criminal and deplorable acts of those who participated in this unacceptable behavior.

Understanding that many of our students probably also witnessed these intolerable actions, last Thursday we asked our faculty to utilize a variety of different resources to delicately engage them in sensitive dialogue about it without sharing or promoting their own personal or political opinions. If you are the parent of a child who may be experiencing significant or subtle signs of trauma because of what they witnessed or may have discussed, please contact your child's teacher, school counselor, and or principal.

Along with the cases that I reported to the entire community last Friday, over the weekend we received notification that four individuals from the Project Before at Cheesecake School and one individual from the high school, middle school, Samsel Upper Elementary School, Wilson Elementary School, and Eisenhower Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19. After conducting contact tracing in accordance with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) guidelines, multiple individuals from each school were determined to be in close contact with the infected people and therefore will be directed to quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with them. By this time, these people should have been formally notified. For the most up to date information on the number of individuals who have tested positive or who have been determined to be in close contact with a person who has tested positive, please see the Student and Staff COVID-19 Dashboards, which are located on the School Safety and Security of our website and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

This week we will resume in-person instruction in **Phase 2b** for students in grades **K-5 and Cohort C** (preschool and MD/BD self-contained classrooms), and **Phase 2a** for students in grades **6-12**. Therefore, **today** and **Thursday, January 14th**, students in grades **K-5 Cohort B** will attend school for in-person instruction, while **K-5 Cohort A** does so on **Tuesday, January 12th** and **Friday, December 15th**. Likewise, students in grades **6-12 Cohorts A&B** will participate in in-person instruction on **Tuesday, January 12th** and **Thursday, January 14th**. Naturally, students in **Cohort C** (preschool and MD/BD self-contained classrooms) will attend school for in-person instruction on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday**. Below please find the calendar through the end of January 2021.

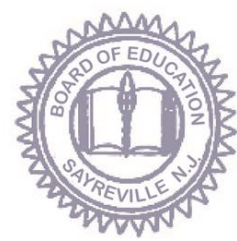
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11 K-5 COHORT B & C No Office Hours due to Staff PD	6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	January 13 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	15 K-5 COHORT A & C
18 Schools Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day	6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	January 20 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	22 K-5 COHORT A & C
25 K-5 COHORT B & C	6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT A & C	January 27 Remote instruction for <u>all</u> students	6-12 COHORT A, B, & C K-5 COHORT B & C	29 K-5 COHORT A & C

Please remember that all our staff, students, and their residing family members are strongly encouraged to participate in our free and easy-access COVID-19 **asymptomatic** testing on the dates and times noted below. Since **we do not test people who are demonstrating symptoms**, if you are symptomatic, you should ask your healthcare provider for an appropriate testing location. If you are a staff member interested in learning more information about how you and your residing family members can participate in this vital virus spreading prevention activity, click [here](#). Likewise, if you are the parent of a student who is interested in the same for you, your child(ren), and all your residing family members, click [here](#). Below please find the upcoming testing dates for January.

- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, January 14, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 6:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, January 20, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, January 21, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 6:30 pm** for **students/family**)
- Wednesday, January 27, 2021 (12:30 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family**)
- Thursday, January 28, 2021 (1:00 – 3:00 pm for **staff/family** and **3:30 – 6:30 pm** for **students/family**)



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Reorganization and Business Meeting held on Tuesday, January 5th, here is what you missed. Ms. Hill, the District Business Administrator and Board Secretary, began the reorganization portion of the meeting by swearing in the following new Board of Education Members who were elected for three and one-year terms: Eloy Fernandez, Eileen Pabon, Alison Napolitano, and Patrick Walsh. Next, the Board elected Anthony Esposito as the Board President and John Walsh as the Vice President. After congratulating the new members, the Board adopted the code of ethics, policies, and regulations, and the business decisions made by the previous Board, along with the other motions

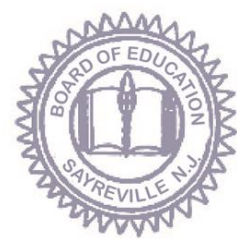


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on the Reorganization portion of the agenda, including the below 2019 Business Meeting dates. To see the Reorganization Meeting Agenda, click [here](#).

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| Tuesday, January 19, 2021 | Tuesday, February 2, 2021 |
| Tuesday, February 16, 2021 | Tuesday, March 2, 2021 (Tentative Budget Adoption) |
| Tuesday, March 16, 2021 | Tuesday, April 20, 2021 |
| Tuesday, May 4, 2021 (Public Hearing-Budget) | Tuesday, May 18, 2021 |
| Tuesday, June 15, 2021 | Tuesday, July 20, 2021 |
| Tuesday, August 24, 2021 (4 th Tuesday) | Tuesday, September 21, 2021 |
| Tuesday, October 19, 2021 | Tuesday, November 16, 2021 |
| Tuesday, December 21, 2021 | Tuesday, January 4, 2022 (Annual Reorganization Meeting) |



After emerging from Executive Session, which was closed to the public, Mr. Esposito and Mr. Walsh thanked the Board for reelecting them to serve as the BOE officers for 2021 and shared district highlights. Once they were finished, Stephen Farley from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) presented his Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Report. The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent’s Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda click [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum click [here](#). To view the videos of this meeting, click on each portion [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#). Among other motions, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board approved the rescheduling of Parent/Teacher Conferences, which will be conducted virtually from February 1, 2021 through February 5, 2021. See the complete schedule below.

Grades	Monday 2/1	Tuesday 2/2	Wednesday 2/3	Thursday 2/4	Friday 2/5
K – 3	6:00 – 8:00	2:05 – 3:35	2:05 – 3:35	2:05 – 3:35	2:05 – 3:35
4 – 5	1:30 – 3:00	6:00 – 8:00	1:30 – 3:00	1:30 – 3:00	1:30 – 3:00
6 – 8	1:30 – 3:00	1:30 – 3:00	1:30 – 3:00	6:00 – 8:00	1:30 – 3:00
9 – 12	1:00 – 2:30	6:00 – 8:00	1:00 – 2:30	1:00 – 2:30	1:00 – 2:30
Pre-K	2:00 – 3:30	2:00 – 3:30	2:00 – 3:30	6:00 – 8:00	2:00 – 3:30

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new non-certificated staff for the 2020-21 school year and hired several substitute teachers for this school year. During open BOE discussion, Mrs. Bloom shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

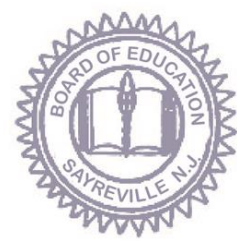
The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 19th**. During this meeting, the Board will resume publicly reviewing and discussing the 2021-22 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: Individual Schools, Curriculum and Instruction, and Athletics. In addition, a complete copy of the **January 5th Reorganization and Business Meeting** minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **January 19, 2021**.



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This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) senior Alyse Lerner, who was one of six students in New Jersey selected as a 2020-21 New Jersey Future Educators Association Student Ambassador. She will be participating in upcoming conferences and events as a member of the Center for Future Educators (CFE) Advisory Board at The



College of New Jersey. Likewise we congratulate and commend Sayreville Middle School 7th grader Amaly Safri, who along with her scouting mates from Girl Scout Troop 81430 out of North Brunswick, collected personal funds and asked for donations from family and friends in order to recently purchase holiday gifts for the families staying at the Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison. In addition, we commend Wilson Elementary School Nurse Jodi Knoll, who in addition to her responsibilities at Wilson, cares for patients at St. Peters Hospital in New Brunswick and because of this was one of the first frontline workers in NJ to be vaccinated for COVID-19. Finally, we congratulate Laura DiStaulo, Theatre Teacher at SWMHS, who was chosen by her colleagues to be the SWMHS Teacher of the Month of January. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



As per our 2021-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking [here](#), and the January Head of the Class Calendar, which you can see by clicking [here](#), please remember that there will be a **BOE Meeting on January 19th**. Please also remember that there will be **no office hours** today (January 11th) so that our staff can participate in professional development. Furthermore, please note that our schools will be **closed** and there will be **no in-person** nor **virtual instruction** on **January 18th** in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Finally, please remember that the **2nd Marking Period** for students in grades **6-12** will end **January 29th**. Likewise, **2nd Trimester Progress Reports** for students in grades **K-5** will also be issued on **January 29th**.



As was the case last spring, the district is now permitted to provide **FREE meals** for **ALL** parents who wish to order breakfast and/or lunch for their child(ren). Therefore, if you would like to order **FREE** prepackaged bagged breakfasts and lunches daily, please do so on **My School Bucks** by clicking [here](#). For more information on how to order through **My School Bucks**, [download the app](#), and to see the [delivery locations](#) as well as the [estimated times of delivery](#), click [here](#). Finally, to **apply for free and/or reduced lunch** for your child, click [here](#). Finally, if you have additional questions, please email Nancy Mannino (nancy.mannino@sayrevillek12.net), our director of Food Services.

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click [here](#) and submit an inquiry with *School Revenue Partners*. Naturally, we will continue to Bomber Blast activity information and community service announcements for our schools and the greater community at no cost. Likewise, if you would like to advertise on our **busses**, click [here](#). Lastly, if you or someone you know wants to **lease our facilities**, contact Deborah DeVico at deborah.devico@sayrevillek12.net.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

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