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Talk Sup Week 31 Review and Preview

April 26, 2021

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.



We begin this issue by wishing all our administrative assistants and clerks a belated happy Administrative Assistant Day and Week! Likewise, we commend and thank them for all they do every day to assist in the efficient operation of the school district and/or their school or department. Likewise, we are forever grateful for the positive outcomes that they have either directly or indirectly promoted for all our students and staff. They are nothing less than AMAZING!

Over the weekend, we received notification that one individual from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) and one from the Arleth School have 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, no individuals from either school were determined to be in "close contact" with the infected people. 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.

As you know, in preparation for the transition to **Phase 4** of our **Restart of School Plan** on <u>May 3rd</u>, this past Friday was the last day for parents to request from their child's principal for their child(ren) to transition from either full-time remote learning back to in-person instruction or vice versa. Hence, if parents did not communicate a change, they will be locked into their child(ren)'s current learning environment until the end of the 2020-21 school year unless there are mitigating circumstances warranting a change.

This week, <u>all</u> in-person learners in <u>preschool through 12th grade</u>, will continue to attend school for in-person instruction following the early dismissal schedule in accordance with Phase 3 of our Restart of School Plan. Below please find the calendar for April, May, and June.

APRIL/MAY/JUNE					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
26 PreK-12 PHASE 3	27 PreK-12 PHASE 3	April 28 Remote instruction for all students	April 29 PreK-12 PHASE 3	30 PreK-12 PHASE 3	
May 3	4	<u>May 5</u>	6	7	
PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	
10	11	12	13	14	

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PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	Schools Closed in Observance of Eid al-Fitr	PreK-12 PHASE 4
Early dismissal for students so that staff can participate in PD PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	14 PreK-12 PHASE 4
24	25	26	27	28
PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4
31 Schools Closed in Observance of Memorial Day PreK-12 PHASE 4	June 1 PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	3 PreK-12 PHASE 4	4 PreK-12 PHASE 4
7	8	9	10	11
PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4	PreK-12 PHASE 4
14 PreK-12 PHASE 4	15 PreK-12 PHASE 4	16 Early dismissal for students and staff PreK-12 PHASE 4	17 Early dismissal for students and staff 8 th Grade Promotion PreK-12 PHASE 4	18 Early dismissal for students and staff 12 ^h Grade Graduation Last Day of School for students PreK-12 PHASE 4
21 Last Day of School for 10 month faculty	22	23	24	25

To review information about our Restart of School Plan, including our updated FAQs, click here.

If you have not already received or registered for a COVID-19 vaccine, I encourage you to preregister by clicking on the following link https://covidvaccine.nj.gov/. 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



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on the dates and times noted below. Since **we do <u>not</u> test people who are <u>demonstrating symptoms</u>, 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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>here</u>.**

- Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (12:30 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, April 28, 2021 (12:30 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 5, 2021 (2:30 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021 (2:30 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 19, 2021 (2:30 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (2:30 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Friday, May 28, 2021 (2:30 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the Senior Trip)
- Wednesday, June 2, 2021 (2:30 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)
- Monday, June 7, 2021 (2:30 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the 8th Grade Dance and Junior Prom)
- Tuesday, June 8, 2021 (2:30 6:30 pm for students who will be attending the Junior Prom and Senior Prom)
- Wednesday, June 9, 2021 (2:30 7:30 pm for staff & family/students & family and students who will be attending the Senior Prom. In SWMHS Gymnasium)
- Wednesday, June 16, 2021 (2:30 5:30 pm for staff & family/students & family)

This past week the New Jersey Department of Education released the 2019-2020 New Jersey School Performance Reports. They are available on the "District Page" of our website and the NJDOE School Performance Reports webpage at https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/ for review. In addition, this week each individual school's report will be posted on their respective websites. If you are not aware of it, the School Performance Reports reflect the NJDOE's commitment to providing parents, students, and school communities with a large variety of information about each school and district. They can be used as a tool to help evaluate whether all students have equitable access to high quality education. Unfortunately, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the way the NJDOE was able to measure school performance and student achievement, as some data is not available at all and other data, while available, may not look the same as it has in prior years. The NJDOE also recognizes that the existing data cannot begin to measure the hard work and perseverance of the students, families, educators, and community members during these two very challenging school years.

Nonetheless, while the past two school years have been unlike any other, the NJDOE still believes that it is critical to use the available data in the reports, along with other information collected directly within districts and communities, to ensure that all students receive the support and resources that they need. There are notes included throughout the reports to explain where data is missing or impacted by COVID-19, as well as the effect of COVID-19 on the data. Finally, the 2019-2020 reports include changes that respond to stakeholder feedback collected over the last several years and during the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes include a new report design with improved visuals and new navigational tools, additional data about graduation cohorts to provide more information about students who do not graduate, new resources to help explain the impact of COVID-19 on the availability of data in the reports, and a new narrative field, "Learning During COVID-19", to give districts an opportunity to share information on how they responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Similarly, last week Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintencent, reported to the school community the updated NJDOE guidance regarding the administration of the spring 2021 statewide assessments. As you may already know, the spring New Jersey State Learning Assessment (NJSLA) was cancelled. As an alternative, school districts will be required to administer the New Jersey Start Strong Assessment in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science in the fall of 2021. Preliminary information about the Start Strong Assessment can be located at this link. However, the United States DOE is still requiring the NJDOE to administer the ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS assessment for English Language Learners (ELL) and the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment for students with moderate to severe intellectual and pervasive developmental disabilities. Therefore, the administration of both will continue as scheduled for this spring. Below please see the testing window for all state assessments this spring and next fall.

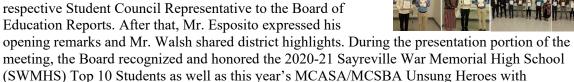
Statewide Assessment	New Testing Window		
ACCESS/Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	April 5, 2021 to June 11, 2021 (No Change)		
DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps)	April 5, 2021 to June 11, 2021 (No Change)		
NJSLA Spring 2021 ELA, Math and Science	Cancelled		
Start Strong Fall 2021 ELA, Math, and Science	September 13, 2021 to October 22, 2021		

If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, April 20th, here is what you missed. Stephen Farley, from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Haley Asseng from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their

certificates of commendation and appreciation.



respective Student Council Representative to the Board of Education Reports. After that, Mr. Esposito expressed his



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 video of this meeting, click here. Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board approved the submission of the Window Replacement at Truman Elementary School and the HVAC Upgrades at Selover School projects to the NJDOE for review and approval. The BOE also approved a contract with McCabe Environmental Services LLC for Environmental Inspections related to the HVAC Upgrades at Selover School in an amount not to exceed \$13,400, and approved to withdraw those funds from Capital Reserve. In addition, the Board of Education approved an agreement for professional services between the Board and the Spiezle Architectural Group, in which the Board will pay them \$24,500 for the professional services associated with the Wilson Elementary School Roof Replacement, which will be funded through the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP). Similarly, the Board awarded the bid for mechanical upgrades at multiple Schools to Sunnyfield Corporation as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,737,000, which will be paid for through the funding of the ESIP Program; and awarded the bid for roofing upgrades at the Selover and Wilson Schools to Strober-Wright Roofing, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,330,723, which will be paid for through the funding of the ESIP Program for the Wilson roof and local funds for the Selover roof. Furthermore it approved to withdraw from Capital Reserve \$746,558 for the roofing upgrades at the Selover School. Finally, the



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BOE approved a contract with Unique Musique Entertainment, Inc. for supplies and services related to hosting the Senior Prom, Junior Prom and 8th Grade Dance in an amount of \$43,850.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the Board approved the Camp XL Extended School Year Integrated Summer Program and Learning Acceleration Summer Program at Camp XL at the Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 6, 2021 through August 5, 2021; the Middle School Credit Completion Summer School program at the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) from July 6 to August 12, 2021; and the Summer Enrichment Program at the Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 6, 2021 to August 6, 2021. It also approved the SMS Grade 8 Formal Dance on Wednesday, June 9, 2021; the SWMHS Junior Prom on Thursday, June 10, 2021; and the SWMHS Senior Prom on Friday, June 11, 2021, which will all be held from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Sayreville War Memorial High School.

On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the revised 2020-2021 School District Calendar, which eliminates the three additional days of instruction built into it in anticipation of school closures due to hazardous weather and therefore ends the school year for students on June 18th and for teachers on June 21st. In addition, the Board approved the revised 2021 Summer Hours for 12-month employees, which moves the start date up for "Regular Summer Hours" due to the revision of the 2020-21 School District Calendar. It also approved the Teamsters Local 469 and Sayreville Education Association (SEA) Full Time Technicians Holiday Schedules for the 2021-2022 school year. Lastly, the Board of Education denied SEA Grievance 2020-21 #4.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Claire Craft, Social Studies Teacher at SMS; Joseph Goscienski, Social Studies Teacher at SWMHS; Nancy Dellafave, Paraprofessional at the Truman School, and Ronald Twardos, Night Lead Custodian at SUES effective July 1, 2021. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for both the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. Furthermore, it approved the transfer of non-certificated staff members for the 2020-21 school year and to withhold the 2021-22 school year salary increment and employment adjustment increment for a staff member.

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Balka reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Walsh for the last Personnel Committee Meeting and Mrs. Kenny for the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 4th**. During this meeting the district will hold the mandatory hearing on the 2021-22 School District Budget. In addition, the Board will recognize and honor the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Competition Cheer Team for their New Jersey Cheer and Dance Coaches Association Championship. Likewise, they will honor the SWMHS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students who won state championships, as well as the students on the SMS Odyssey of the Mind Team who also won a state championship. A complete copy of the **April 20th** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of our website once they are approved by the BOE during the next BOE Meeting on **May 4, 2021**.



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Our Project Before preschool program has teamed up with New Jersey Hope and Healing. They will be hosting a five-week parent series called supporting Parents with Young Learners. This will be a Virtual event beginning on April 20th and ending on May 18th. If you would like to participate, you can register in advance by clicking here. Likewise, please take the time to watch the SWMHS Theatre Society's performance of Help Desk: A-

Stay-At-Home-Play. It is fabulous and a MUST see! Click here to watch it.

This past week our students, staff, and community members continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by commending and congratulating the members of the SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America Club who achieved the below honors during the recent New Jersey FBLA Virtual State Leadership Conference.

Chapter Awards

- Gold Seal Chapter Award of Merit (2nd year consecutively)
- Outstanding Chapter, 2nd Place
- Community Service Challenge, 2nd Place
- Passport of Progress, 2nd Place
- Chapter Challenge Recognition
- Operation: Uplift Recognition

Individual Member Awards

- Neev Mistry, MEMBER OF THE YEAR and September Member of the Month
- Anoop Dindigal, October Member of the Month
- Minal Patel, December Member of the Month
- Mr. Christopher Howard, Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser
- Ms. Tina Farley, Businessperson of the Year
- Mr. Brian Sheehan, Local Chapter Volunteer of the
- Minal Patel, Gold Officer Award
- Joshua Gorniak, Gold Member Award
- Neev Mistry, Conquer the Impossible Scholarship Award Recipient
- Ojas Chitnis, Who's Who in FBLA (2nd Place)
- Vihaan Easwar, Business Achievement Award
- Ananya Kondur, Business Achievement Award
- Kamil Szczech, Community Service Award

Outgoing State Officers

- Ojas Chitnis, State Parliamentarian
- Krina Patel, State Historian

COMPETITIVE EVENTS AWARDS

1st Place Award Winners (National Qualifier)

- Stephany Fernandes, Iman Shadid, and Kamil Szczech - STATE CHAMPIONS (1ST Place) - American **Enterprise Project**
- Dayna Park, Kruti Patel, and Monali Patel STATE CHAMPIONS (1ST Place) – Business Financial Plan
- Ojas Chitnis, Anoop Dindigal, and Vihaan Easwar -STATE CHAMPIONS (1ST Place) – Business Plan
- Neev Mistry STATE CHAMPION (1ST Place) Coding and Programming
- Aneri Shah and Diva Kadakia STATE CHAMPIONS (1ST Place) – Introduction to Event Planning
- Masharib Imran, Aaryan Parikh, and Aayush Mehta STATE CHAMPIONS (1ST Place) – Introduction to Social Media Strategy
- Khushi Gandhi, Vivienne Lam, Camilla Rutkowski -STATE CHAMPIONS (1st Place) – Open Event: Service PowerPoint
- Riya Vaishnav STATE CHAMPION (1st Place) Open Event: Service Video
- Krina Patel STATE CHAMPION (1st Place) -Scholarship
- Neev Mistry STATE CHAMPION (1st Place) NJ FBLA's Got Talent

2nd Place Winners (National Qualifier)

- Aaryan Mehta, Anthony Monderine, and Stephen Farley – 2nd Place – Partnership with Business Project
- Ummekulsum Alishah, Ann Murickan, and Krina Patel - 2nd Place - Sales Presentation



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3rd Place Winners (National Qualifier)

- Ismail Dar, Vedant Koli, and Pranay Roni 3rd Place Computer Game and Simulation Programming
- Motunrayo Akinrefon and Phillip Pazdur 3rd Place Introduction to Business Presentation
- Ananya Kondur, Arianna Gandhi, and Shreya Patel 3rd Place – Introduction to Social Media Strategy
- Neha Bhat and Isabella Dabrowski 3rd Place Management Decision Making
- Iman Shaid 3rd Place Scrapbook
- James Johnson 3rd Place Spreadsheet Applications

4th Place Winners (National Qualifier)

- Ananya Kondur, Neev Mistry, and Minal Patel 4th Place – Community Service Project
- Arjun Merchant 4th Place Electronic Career Portfolio
- Gargi Gupta, Shriya Meda, and Riva Babaria 4th Place – Introduction to Event Planning
- Ojas Chitnis, Anoop Dindigal, and Joshua Gorniak 4th Place – Local Chapter Annual Business Report

5th Place Winners (National Qualifier Runner-Up)

- Syed Ashar, Chetan Dutta, and Thanh Trinh 5th Place
 Computer Game and Simulation Programming
- Phillip Bassuk, Santino Whitaker, and Luke Vasquez 5th Place – Public Service Announcement

Event Finalists

- Tiayana Saunders, Sriya Kanthaswamy, and Abigail Chandrika – Finalist – International Business
- Rohan Patel, Arsal Shaikh, and Saaim Khan Finalist
 Website Design



In addition, we commend and thank the wonderful students at the high school and middle school who celebrated Earth Day last week by cleaning up their school's grounds and by recycling crayons. Bomber Nation salutes these and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!





In athletics, we begin by congratulating and commending SWMHS wrestler Tyler Whitford, who finished 3rd in his weight division during the 2021 State Wresting Championship last week. We also



congratulate the SMS Baseball Team on winning their first two games of the season last week. They were led by Ryan Falto, Michael Robinson, Robert Shaw, Damien Pipitone, Thomas Schlaline, and JJ Kelly. In addition, we congratulate the SWMHS Boys and Girls Track Team for their victory over

Edison Hogh School (HS) last week. Likewise, we congratulate Sean Wilson, Jaiden Ennett, Ryan Donnamaria, Zaimer Wright, Leah White, and Anthony Voto on their outstanding performances during the Metuchen Relays last Saturday.



Finally, we congratulate the SWMHS Boys Golf Team for their first victory of the season last week over St. Josephs of Metuchen HS and to SWMHS

Boys Lacrosse Team player Patrick Subczak for scoring the first boy's lacrosse goal in school history. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be

Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they



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represent SWMHS and our community. Although we now allow parents to attend indoor sports events, please remember that you can still view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on the Athletics page of our website or by clicking here.

As per our 2021-21 School District Calendar, which you can access by clicking here, and the April Head of the Class Calendar, which you can access by clicking here, please remember that 3rd Marking Period Report Cards for students in grades 6-12 will be issued on April 22nd. For next month, please note that there will be BOE Meetings on May 4th and 18th. In addition, please remember that our schools will be closed and there will be no virtual instruction on May 13th in observance of Eid al-Fitr and on May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. Likewise, students will be dismissed early on May 17th so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that 3rd Trimester Progress Reports for students in grades K-5 will be issued on May 6th, while 4th Marking Period Progress Reports for students in grades 6-12 will be issued on May 18th.



On January 29, 2021, the district officially opened registration for our free Full-Day Project Before Preschool and Kindergarten Programs. Therefore, parents of ALL eligible (must be 3 for preschool and 5 for kindergarten by September 30, 2021) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register via Oncourse Connect, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage (www.savrevillek12.net) as "Student

Registration". Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following links noted in the 2021-2022 Project Before and Kindergarten text box: New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten or Returning Student Enrollment Update for students entering grades PreK and Kindergarten during the 2021-2022 school year.

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click here.nd/ 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 here our facilities, contact Deborah DeVico at deborah.devico@sayrevillek12.net.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe