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Talk Sup Week 31 Review and Preview April 13, 2020

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a blessed and enjoyable holiday weekend, and that you and your entire family are healthy and safe. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please remember that **all our schools** will be <u>closed</u> and under <u>quarantine</u> for all students, staff, and parents this week. In addition, please also remember that last week the Sayreville Board of Education voted to approve a **revision** to the **2019-20 School District Calendar** that would <u>eliminate</u> spring break and end the school year five days earlier. As a result, <u>all</u> our students will return to **virtual school/instruction** <u>today</u> and will continue with either virtual or in school (we hope and pray) instruction until our next school holiday, which will be **Memorial Day**.



As I noted in my update email yesterday, despite our schools being closed and under quarantine, our amazing group of **Operation BStrongSayreville** volunteers will still be preparing and delivering breakfasts/lunches, student work packets, student educational devices, and supplies out of Sayreville War Memorial High School. Last week they once again prepared and delivered over **3,000** meals, many devices, countless student work packets,

and toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues for anyone who needed such. This week and until we return to school, we will once again be delivering breakfast/lunches on just **Mondays** and **Wednesdays.** Thus, we are asking parents to order for <u>two</u> days at a time for Monday and Tuesday, and <u>three</u> days at a time for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. By doing this, we will be practicing better social distancing and will also reduce the opportunity of potential exposure by our parents and our volunteers.





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If you did not have a chance to attend the first ever Sayreville Board of Education <u>Virtual</u> Business Meeting held on Tuesday, April 7th, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion the meeting, the Board interviewed eight candidates to fill the seat on the board of education vacated by Mr. Ciak. Due to the amazing efforts of our Technology

Team, each candidate was able to stream into the meeting seamlessly to present their candidacy and answer follow-up questions by the

Board. After the Board had heard from each and discussed their attributes in closed session, it emerged to appoint and swear-in Ms. Danielle Pieloch. According to our BOE attorney, this may have been the first virtual swearing in of a BOE member in history. In fact, someone should definitely Google that. ⁽²⁾ Seriously, to read a nice article on Ms. Pieloch's appointment, click here.



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The Board then immediately moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved all of them. To see the Agenda click <u>here</u>. To see the Agenda Addendum click <u>here</u>. Finally, to see the video of the meeting, click on each part <u>Part 1</u> <u>Part 2</u> <u>Part 3</u>. Among other motions, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved a revision to the marking period calendars for students in grades K-5 and 6-12. The changes for students in grades K-5 will result in the 3rd trimester marking period ending tentatively on June 15th. Likewise, the changes for students in grades 6-12 will result in the 3rd marking period ending on April 14th, progress reports being issued on May 15th, and the 4th quarter marking period tentatively ending on June 15th. Additionally, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE approved a revision to the 2019-20

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School District Calendar, in which spring break from April 13, 2020 to April 17, 2020 would be eliminated and the last day of school for students would tentatively become June 15th. To see it, click <u>here</u>.

During the open BOE discussion portion of the meeting, all the BOE members congratulated and welcomed Ms. Pieloch onto the Board. Furthermore, they commended and thanked all the other applicants. In addition, Ms. Kenney reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Student Achievement Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Esposito and Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, with regard to the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting. Finally, Mrs. Bloom reviewed news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 5th at 7:30 pm**. During it, we will hold the required 2020-21 School District Budget Public Hearing. Since we will still probably be living under quarantine then and thus not be permitted to leave our homes for anything that is not considered "essential," we will more than likely hold this meeting virtually. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, May 1st. In addition, a complete copy of the **April 7th** 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 **May 5, 2020**.

This past week our amazing staff and students were still hard at work producing very impressive and inspiring videos. Check out this tremendous tribute to our Operation BStrongSayreville volunteers produced by Ms. Boccardi, a 4th Grade Teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, and Ms. Tonzola, the district Kindergarten and Preschool Physical Education Teacher. Click here to see it. Please also take a look at the amazing



#BStrongSayreville Our Message to you from Fisenhower School!



"Truman Rocks" video produced by the staff at the Truman School. Likewise, you have to view this <u>"A Message from the Eisenhower</u> School" video produced by the staff at the Eisenhower School. Finally, please take the time to see the wonderful <u>"Arleth Students Distance</u> Learning" video produced by the Arleth School PTO.

This week our students and staff also continued to impress us with online learning.

In Project Before, our preschool students had a blast participating in math, language arts, and STEM activities, as well as number review, alphabet letter recognition and cutting practice. At the Sayreville Middle School (SMS), the students participated in a

birtual spirit week. In addition, other SMS students analyzed *Animal Farm* and shared projects virtually. Finally, via the SMS media center, 6th grade students shared some terrific examples of acrostic and shape poems.



This week our students, their parents, and our staff continued to impress us with their

amazing accomplishments. Along with the staff members and parents that contributed to the aforementioned videos, we would like to commend and thank our Sayreville Technology Department, led by Mr. Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent of Information, Technology and Operations, Michael Waranowicz, Director of

Technology and Digital Security, our amazing Technology Engineers, and our wonderful Technicians, particularly Mr. Hochron, who made last Tuesday evenings first ever attempt



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Arleth Students Distance



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to record a virtual BOE meeting such a grand success. In addition, we commend and thank the Sayreville Police Department for distributing over 100 bags of food during their drive up grocery pickup last week. Finally, we commend and thank Rosa Laginha, who is actually my mother-in-law, for sewing over 50 masks for our Operation BStringSayreville volunteers. Bomber Nation salutes and them and all our students, their parents and our staff for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click <u>here</u> 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.

Have a good day and week, and **please stay home**. May God bless you and your family and keep you healthy and safe.

Dr. Labbe

