



Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Good morning Sayreville! I hope you are doing well 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 **closed** and under **quarantine** for all students, staff, and parents this week. In fact, as I noted in yesterday's **B Strong Sayreville Off Day Update**, late last week Governor Murphy announced that **all schools** in New Jersey will be **closed** through **April 17th**. Although he said that at that time he would consider reopening schools, it is highly unlikely that he will allow them to reopen until May 1st, the earliest. If you have not read my update, you can do so by clicking on it or [here](#).



As also noted in my update, despite our schools being closed, this week 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 we produced and delivered nearly 3,000 meals, many devices, countless student work packets, and toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues for anyone who needed such. However, in order to promote better social distancing and to give our incredible volunteers some needed time off, beginning this week, we will be delivering breakfast/lunches only three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Thus, we will ask parents to order for two days at a time (Monday & Tuesday, and Wednesday & Thursday). Fridays will continue to be a single ordering day. Likewise, beginning tomorrow we will only be delivering supplies, such as toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues once a week on Mondays.



As per my update, due to the pandemic, we are currently determining whether to **revise** the **2019-20 School District Calendar** by eliminating spring break. In fact, prior to asking our Board of Education (BOE) to potentially approve the revision on the April 7th BOE Business Meeting Agenda, we are seeking the assistance of all members of our school community in making this very important decision by requesting that you answer a **two question survey**. Essentially this question arose from some members of our school community who are advocating that **we forego and not have spring break** so that our students and staff can get out of school one week earlier (**June 15th** would probably be the **last day for students**). We would still **not** have **virtual school** on **April 9th and 10th** in observance of the religious holidays, but would **return to virtual school** on **April 13th**. Since our students and staff are now in a routine with virtual instruction, those in favor of not having a spring break argue that if we were to take the following week (April 13th through the 17th) off, it will be very difficult for our students and staff to get back into that routine. Furthermore, since families cannot go on or vacation anywhere at this time for spring break, they would much rather use the time in June to do so when hopefully the quarantine has ended. Finally, by not taking spring break, the district will be able to still provide food and supplies to our families in need during the week of April 13th. Conversely, opponents for revising the calendar would argue that our students and staff simply need a break and time off. Therefore, if you have not already done so, please complete the survey by clicking [here](#). It will close this **Friday, April 3rd**.

Last Thursday, I sent the community my first "Hump Day" video address. I will continue to send them to you in the morning on Wednesday. Essentially, they will be an abbreviation of these memos with a touch of humor. I hope that you enjoy them. If you did not see last Wednesday's, click [here](#). As I requested during it, please send me your 3-4

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second video clip of you and/or your children singing the verse “Don’t Stop Believing” from the 1980s mega hit single by Journey. Likewise, if you have not yet ordered your “We will Overcome BStrong Sayreville” shirts, you can do so by clicking [here](#). The Wilson PTO is coordinating the sale of the shirts and will be donating the proceeds from the sale to Sayreville families in need and/or Sayreville first responders.



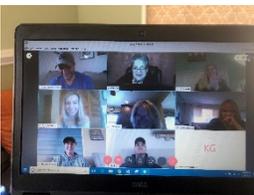
Speaking of videos, our amazing staff and students have also been hard at work producing some impressive and inspiring videos. If you have yet to see the “Stay at Home” video coordinated by Mayor Kilpatrick and featuring Sayreville Middle School students, click [here](#) to view it. It is tremendous! Furthermore, if you have not seen the video produced by the staff and administration at Sayreville War Memorial High School, it too is awesome and a must see. Click [here](#) to view it. In addition, please check out these great videos ([video 1](#) and [video 2](#)) of students from SMS leading the school community in morning exercises and announcements. Finally, please see the adorable [video](#) of a preschooler from Project Before carrying out a smell test as part of one of his virtual lessons last week.



This week our students and staff also continued to impress us with online learning. The students and staff at SMS had a ton of fun participating in five days of virtual Spirit Week, including a Pajama Day. How fitting (pardon the pun)! At the Arleth School, a



couple of students made and shared an inspiring message. At Wilson, Mr. Wonaszek continued his burpee challenge and was joined by colleague Ms. Murphy. Preschool students in Project Before made



incredible rainbows to spread positivity throughout Sayreville. In addition, Miss Jules (Burns) engaged her students in a very cool virtual science lesson. Likewise, Ms. Jackie’s (McGrade) students learned about their sense of sight by completing activities, such as writing their names or drawing a picture of themselves while blindfolded. Finally, some of our administrators had a blast during their virtual lunch.



This week our students, their parents, and our staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. Along with the students and staff who had a part in producing the aforementioned videos, we congratulate SWMHS senior Angela Pistilli who was just awarded a full 4-year scholarship to attend Boston University. She will be studying fine arts. Check out her incredible painting. Bomber Nation salutes and thanks Angela 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 [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.

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

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