



# Sayreville Public Schools

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### Talk Sup Week 24 Review and Preview

February 24, 2020

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable President's Day Weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.



In our schools this past week, at the Wilson Elementary School they held their first of what will probably be many International Nights. During this very fun and festive multicultural event, more than 100 students and their parents took the time to come out and learn about 14 different cultural exhibits on display, which included food, traditions, artifacts, music, and dances. Everyone in attendance had a ton of fun learning about the diverse cultures at Wilson. We thank and commend the wonderful staff and incredibly supportive PTO at Wilson for making this happen. In addition, last week the Kindergarten students at Wilson switched things up by celebrating 101 days of school.



At the Truman Elementary School, the staff and students celebrated President's Day with a patriotic parade and participated in the Kids Heart Challenge. They also celebrated "Random Acts of Kindness Week" by participating in a school-wide "Kindness" door decorating contest. Finally, the staff and students had a wonderful time learning with the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) Cat in the Hat, who made a surprise visit last week.



In project Before, Elyse Barone, who is the Grants and Recycling Coordinator for Sayreville Borough, took time out of her busy schedule to put on an awesome recycling show for the preschoolers. Mr. Bill, her assistant, was also a huge hit, as the students learned so much from both of them while also having so much fun. Downstairs at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), many of the students and staff dressed up to



celebrate "Super Hero Day."



At Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) last Tuesday, the Guidance Department took a group of juniors to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) for a visit. The students met with the admissions department, took a three-mile walking tour and had lunch in the student dining room. The tour was led by 2018 SWMHS graduate Bianca



Kuzma. In addition, students from SWMHS and Sayreville Middle School (SMS) enjoyed a delicious lunch at Camillos last week. We thank Ms. Ciampa, Ms. David, Ms. Carnevale, Ms. Gordon, Mr. Gliddon, Ms. Giorgianni and Mr. Ganu for collaboratively coordinating this wonderful trip, in which the students had an amazing time together. Lastly, Ms. McCarthy's SMS students had a ball last week learning about kinetic energy and QR codes during a very cool and creative STEM lesson.

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If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, here is what you missed. After Stephen Farley, Student Council Representative to the BOE from SWMHS, and Maeve Witte, the SMS Representative, provided their student activity summaries for each school, the district resumed publicly reviewing and discussing the 2020-21 School District Budget with the following budget presentations: [Buildings and Grounds](#), [Capital Projects](#), and [Personnel](#). Click on each presentation to view them. To see all the information presented and/or provided thus far on 2020-21 Budget, click [here](#). After each person or group gave their respective presentation, they joined the Board at their table for a robust conversation.



The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved all of them. 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 awarded a bid for security vestibule upgrades at the Arleth, Eisenhower, Truman and Wilson Elementary Schools to The G. Meyer Group as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$901,913, and agreed to withdraw from Capital Reserve \$321,913 to supplement what was previously allocated for these projects in the 2019-20 Budget.

Among other motions, on the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the 2020 Summer Enrichment Program, which will be held Monday through Friday, beginning June 29, 2020 and ending Friday, August 7, 2020 during the hours of 7:45 am - 4:15 pm at the Samsel Upper Elementary School. Likewise, it also approved the 2020 Camp XL Integrated Extended School Year Summer Program, which will be held Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm each week at the Samsel Upper Elementary School from July 6, 2020 to August 6, 2020. On the Governance portion of the agenda, along with other motions, the BOE approved a revision to the [2020-21 School District Calendar](#) and the [2021-22 School District Calendar](#). To see each, click on them. It also approved the 2020-21 Teamsters Local 469 Holiday Schedule.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2019-20 school year and the transfer of a non-certificated staff member for the 2019-20 school year. In addition, the Board approved of teachers to work in the Reaching for the Stars Academy on an as-needed basis for school year 2019-20. Lastly, the BOE suspended with pay a teacher from the Sayreville Middle School.

During the public participation portion of the meeting, two parents expressed their concerns about the recent arrest of a middle school teacher. One of the parents requested that the Superintendent provide more communication to parents about the matter.

During the BOE comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Esposito asked Ms. Hill, Business Administrator, to review what was discussed during the last BOE Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Callahan, did the same with regard to the last BOE Personnel Committee Meeting. Finally, Mrs. Bloom updated the Board on Middlesex County School Boards Association news.

The next meeting on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. It will be the annual **Let the Children Lead** meeting, in which 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from SUES represent each BOE member and the administration during the entire public portion of the

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meeting. A complete copy of the **February 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 **March 3, 2020**.



This week our students, their parents, and our staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We congratulate SMS students Aanvi Talati, Erica Thu, and Rishi Shah, who won First Prize in the recent Sayreville Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. We also congratulate the SWMHS FBLA who were recently presented with a special FBLA Week Proclamation in their honor by the Sayreville

Borough Mayor and Council. Lastly, we commend the SWMHS Winterguard Team for starting their competition season with a strong performance last week. Bomber Nation salutes and thanks these and all our students, their parents and our staff for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, we commend and congratulate the SWMHS Wrestling Team for their very strong individual performances during the District Championship matches over the weekend. In fact, four wrestlers placed in the top four and a total of nine advanced to the Regional Championship. We commend and congratulate Elijah-Ade Festus (District Champion), Joseph



Porcaro (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Dylan Acevedo (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Vincent Rebak (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), Jake Wagner (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), and Darren Figueroa (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) for their incredible performances. Likewise, we commend SWMHS Indoor Track Athletes Manny Castellanos, Fez Khan, Tommy Lewis, and Matt Stowe, who won the 4x400 Meter Race during the Sectional Championships this past weekend. We also congratulate Sam Kamara who won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Shot Put. In addition, we congratulate Tommy Lewis for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Eastern State Champions Meet in the 800 Meter Race after jumping over runners who fell on the second lap, and Ruth Itua on running an indoor personal record of 25.23 in the 200 Meter Race, in which she eventually placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, we once again commend and congratulate the SMS Competition Cheer Team for winning First Place and for being crowned Grand Champs of the morning session at the Howell Cheer Championship. Finally, the Boys and Girls Bowling Teams



celebrated very successful seasons during their banquet last week at Dave and Busters. 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 represent SWMHS and our community. To see this week's high school and middle school athletics schedule, click [here](#). Go Bombers!

Tomorrow evening (**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**), there will also be **Special BOE Business Meeting** in the **Selover School Conference Room at 6:30 pm**. During it, the District will conduct a **Breach of Contract Hearing** in order for the BOE to determine whether to pull the performance bond and terminate the following Durham School Services packaged bus routes: SMS 11 and Arleth Yellow, SUES 13 and Eisenhower 3, SUES 6 and Arleth White, and SMS 21 and Eisenhower 6. To see the agenda click [here](#).

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As per the March Head of the Class Calendar, there will be a **BOE Business Meeting** on **Tuesday, March 3rd** in the **SWMHS Cafeteria at 7:30 pm**. It will be the annual **Let the Children Lead** meeting, in which 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from SUES represent each BOE member and the administration during the entire public portion of the meeting. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website in the evening on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Likewise, there will be a second BOE Meeting of the month on **March 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please also remember that we will **dismiss students early on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** so that our staff can participate in professional development. Finally, please note that **3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Progress Reports** for students in **grades 6-12** will be populated in Oncourse Connect on **March 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Report Cards** for student in grades **K-5** will be populated in Oncourse Connect on **March 30<sup>th</sup>**.

The parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 to being preschool and 5 to begin kindergarten by September 30, 2020**) preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register for our **free full-day Project Before Preschool or Kindergarten** programs via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration is clearly identified on our district website homepage ([www.sayrevillek12.net](http://www.sayrevillek12.net)) as “**Student Registration**”. Once on this registration page, parents can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students, including preschool and kindergarten students, and they can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following appropriate links noted in the 2020-2021 Project Before and Kindergarten text box: **Students New to Sayreville: New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten** or **Returning Students: Returning Student Enrollment Update, Grades PreK and Kindergarten**.

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](mailto:deborah.devico@sayrevillek12.net).

Have a wonderful day and fantastic week.

Dr. Labbe