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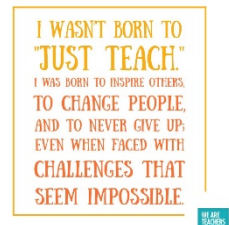
Talk Sup Week 40 Review and Preview June 15, 2020



Good afternoon Sayreville! I hope you had a nice and relaxing weekend. Welcome to the **last** edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview* for the 2019-20 school year. In fact, you will not receive another from me until **September 1st**.



As you know, both in-person and virtual instruction for this unprecedented school year ended last Thursday. However, before we begin the arduous process of preparing for what instruction may look like in September, we would like to take the time to express to our staff and parents our sincere gratitude for **EVERYTHING** you did to either directly or indirectly promote the best possible learner outcomes for the children in Sayreville, especially considering the obvious challenges that we had to contend with during the pandemic. Please know that the Sayreville Board of Education, Administration, and I deeply appreciate and fiercely admire all that you do for your children and students. We know all too well how hard you work and how much you sacrifice every day for them. In fact, not a day goes by in which I do not count my blessings and feel forever grateful to have the privilege of serving this district and working alongside of you to make a difference in the precious lives of our students.



That said, the end of a school year is also a time for us to say goodbye. For those members of our staff who will be pressing on through the summer, we thank you in advance for extending learning and for helping us prepare for 2020-21. For those of you who will be leaving and returning in September, we wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer break, and anxiously await your safe return back to us. Finally, for those who will be leaving us for one reason or another, please know the indelible impact you have made on all of us, and how grateful we are to you for the service you have provided to our district and most importantly, our students. Please remember that goodbyes are not forever, nor are they the end. They simply mean, we'll miss you until we meet again.

Speaking of extending learning over the summer, once again our Governor has put us and other school districts in a very challenging position through the timing of his latest announcement to allow for in-person summer school instruction. While I do not disagree with his decision, the timing of it, which came weeks after decisions were made on private summer camps, day care centers, youth sports, and even the opening of private and public schools, was to say the least bewildering. Nonetheless, while we will still be performing virtual instruction for students in need of middle school credit completion, as well as for students with disabilities who are eligible to receive extended school year (ESY) in accordance with their individualized education programs, we are now considering whether to provide some form of in-person instruction during the second half of ESY. If our staff is willing and we can ensure that we can safely provide instructional and therapy services without putting them or our students at risk of being exposed to COVID-19, we will implement an undetermined level of in-person instruction during the second half of ESY beginning on or about July 22nd. Delaying it until then will give us the time that we will need in order to post for additional staff, such as bus drivers and aides, nurses, and paraprofessionals. It will also allow us more time to purchase personal protective equipment, to develop procedures and guidelines in alignment with the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and to train the staff on them. More information for applicable students will be forthcoming from Mr. Knaster, our Director of Pupil-Special Services.

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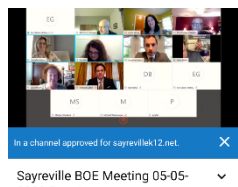
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With regard to the 2020-21 school year, many parents and staff have inquired with me about whether we will be allowed to reopen our schools for in-person instruction on **September 3rd**, which will be the **first day of school** for students in **grades 1-12**. Although I think we can all agree that trying to predict what our Governor will decide to do that far in advance is clearly an act of futility, as of this moment our district is preparing for one of several possible scenarios. The first, which is probably the least likely, is that our schools will reopen for all students with or without social distancing restrictions. The second, which is more likely, is that we will open with virtual instruction for all students before easing back into in-person instruction in schools over the course of several weeks. The third, which is probably the most likely, is that we will open with some hybrid form of in-person and virtual instruction with either an alternating split schedule, or simultaneous in-person/virtual instruction for parents to select based upon whether they are comfortable sending their children to school or not. Although this is the last Talk Sup of the 2019-20 school year, upon receiving any information about the opening of schools for in-person instruction in September, I will share it with our entire school community via a broadcast email.



During last week's Talk Sup, I reported to you that there was currently no vendor contracted to provide subscription busing for our students at the middle school and high school who are not eligible for district transportation, as Durham School Services was no longer willing to provide it. However, as you may have noticed from the Bomber Blast sent out last Wednesday, Melanie Yetman and Jessica Esposito, graduates from the Class of 2020, have graciously volunteered to find and negotiate with a bus vendor to provide these services. As per their letter that they sent to the community, which you can read by clicking [here](#), they are currently in the process of surveying parents who are interested in receiving these services. To complete the survey, click [here](#). We commend and thank Melanie and Jessica for their amazing display of citizenship and leadership! They Rock!



Tomorrow evening at **7:30 pm**, there will be a virtual or online Board of Education (BOE) Meeting. During it, we will present the 2019-20 district Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Ratings, along with the Period 1 and 2 Student Safety Data. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). In order to access the live streaming of the meeting click [here](#). Since the viewing of the live stream will be handled by YouTube, you must be viewing the stream on a browser or application that is live stream compatible. If you are unable to hear audio you may need to try a different browser/application. The live stream will only be available during the real-time duration of the meeting. Directions for public participation during the meeting will be provided on the above mentioned live stream page of the website. Finally, if on Wednesday you wish to view it or other past-recorded BOE meetings, click [here](#).



Over the course of 5-7 hours on both Monday and Tuesday last week, five teams of administrators, BOE members, and Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Class of 2020 faculty advisors, visited the residences of nearly all of our 434 graduates from the Class of 2020 to provide each with individual and intimate graduation commencement ceremonies. On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, pictures of the students receiving their diploma were edited into our pre-taped virtual graduation ceremony, which was streamed live on Thursday evening. Despite a few hiccups with the individual ceremonies and the video, which I am extremely sorry about, our graduating seniors and their families appeared to enjoy and





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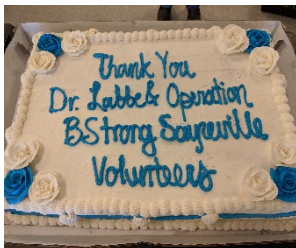


appreciate this experience. In fact, as per the comments that I made in my pre-taped address to the Class of 2020, while we apologize for not being able to provide them now with the commencement ceremony they so fittingly deserved, I had the time of my life going to their homes to present to them their diploma in front of their family and closest friends. Furthermore, I know that all our administrators, board members, and faculty advisors felt the same way. Nevertheless, as I also noted in my speech, if social distancing requirements relax



enough in the summer for us to hold a ceremony with the entire Class of 2020 and their parents, we will consider scheduling one provided that our students and staff would willing and able to participate. To see the fabulous SWMHS Virtual Graduation Commencement Ceremony produced by Mr. Taylor, SWMHS Video Productions Teacher, click [here](#).

Likewise, last Wednesday evening, the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) streamed live the 8th Grade Virtual Promotion Ceremony, produced by Mr. Palma, SMS Vocal Music Teacher. To see this exceptional video tribute to our 8th graders, click [here](#). We cannot thank Mr. Taylor and Mr. Palma enough for the exceptional quality of each video and the prodigious amount of time that they devoted to producing them. Likewise, we also thank Mr. Hochron, Technology Technician, for volunteering his time to video the speeches made by Mr. Rubino and me for the SWMHS video. Furthermore, we commend and thank Mr. Rubino, Principal of SWMHS, and the amazing administrators, BOE members and faculty advisors noted below for the extraordinary effort they demonstrated last Monday and Tuesday to deliver Class of 2020 diplomas to individual students at their residences. They all Rock!



- Ms. Boyd Faculty Advisor
- Ms. Drabik Faculty Advisor
- Ms. McGarry Faculty Advisor
- Mr. Pastva Faculty Advisor
- Mr. Howard Faculty Advisor
- Mr. Rubino SWMHS Principal
- Ms. Romero SWMHS Vice Principal
- Ms. Zurawski SWMHS Vice Principal
- Mr. Jegou SMS Vice Principal
- Mr. Knaster Director of Pupil-Special Services
- Mrs. Kenney BOE Member
- Mrs. Rubio BOE Member
- Mrs. Bloom BOE Member
- Mrs. Batko BOE Member
- Mr. Callahan BOE Member
- Mr. Esposito BOE Member





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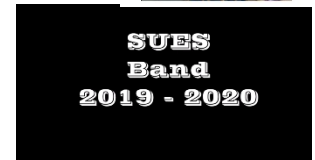
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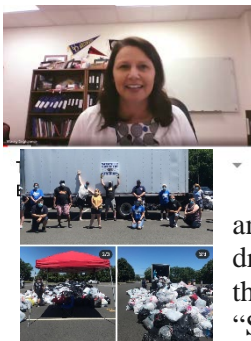


This past week our amazing staff and students were hard at work producing more impressive and inspiring videos. Click [here](#) to see the video of the SWMHS Theatrical Society performance of “Scenes from a Quarantine.” In addition, click [here](#) to watch the Wilson 3rd Grade Moving Up ceremony. Watch, listen, and be entertained by the wonderful [Samsel Upper Elementary School Band](#) and [Arleth Elementary School Chorus](#) during their recent virtual spring concerts by clicking on each. Likewise, you have to see the Samsel 2020 Summer Video by clicking [here](#). Finally, click [here](#) to watch the New Teacher Institute video tribute to all our non-tenured faculty produced by Ms. Obyrk and Ms. DeSantis. All these videos are examples of the extraordinary way in which our teachers and students are continuing learning during this very challenging time.

New Teacher Institute
2019-2020 Yearbook



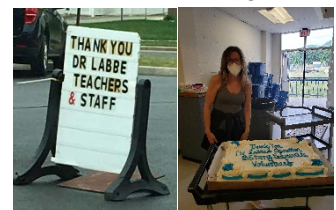
SUES BAND 2020



This week our students and staff continued to impress us with online learning. Along with drive up and drop-off/pick-up being performed at each school, at Samsel, Ms. Coglianese premiered The Amazing Race-Samsel Edition. Click [here](#) to check it out. At SMS, Mr. Boehm and his students had a ton of fun participating in the "Pie the Teacher" contest for the student team that earned the most points in Imagine Learning. At SWMHS, our amazing Marching Band and their parents participated in their annual clothing drive, which as always, was a huge success. In Project Before, our teachers and their students got an early start on celebrating Fathers’ Day with snacks and a “Superhero Dad Freeze Dancing.”



This week our students, their parents, our staff, and other Sayreville community members also continued to impress and inspire us with their amazing accomplishments. We begin by congratulating the SWMHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club Open Events Team of Karen Koranteng, Glenn Mensah, Radia Nazah, and Genna Smith who were crowned New Jersey State Leadership Conference (NJSLC) Champions in their event of Progress PowerPoint. Their project will actually be used in the coming year as an NJFBLA State Initiative. Likewise, we congratulate Ojas Chitnis, who also received an award as Runner Up for his Service PowerPoint. In addition to that, Ojas took home three other medals this year from the NJSLC (a 1st, a 2nd, and a 4th Place finish). No other members has ever done that in SWMHS FBLA history! We are also proud to announce that Ojas was recently appointed to be the NJFBLA State Parliamentarian for the upcoming school year. He now is also in the running to become the National Parliamentarian and joins Krina Patel, who was elected to be the State Historian last month. Both of them will serve on the NJFBLA Executive Board for the upcoming year. This is the first time in school history that one SWMHS student, let alone two, will serve as state officers. Similarly, we commend and thank the ownership and management of the Royal Bakery for donating a delicious cake for our Operation BStrongSayreville volunteers and for publicly thanking our district and staff on the sign outside of their bakery last week. Bomber Nation salutes and them and all our students, their parents, and our staff for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



Have a relaxing and most enjoyable summer. May God bless you and your family and keep you healthy and safe.

Dr. Labbe

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