



Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 2 Review and Preview

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



If you took the time to venture out to Sayreville Day in Kennedy Park on Saturday, I hope you had as much fun as I did. Thank you to all our staff, students, and parents who stopped by the Sayreville Board of Education booth to say hello. Likewise, we congratulate all our staff and students who performed. They were amazing!



Last Wednesday morning, our school community took the time to honor the victims, praise the first responders, and remember the tragic events that took place 18 years ago on September 11, 2001 when terrorists plunged hijacked aircrafts into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and an open field in Somerset County, PA. The acts of terror, which were the deadliest on United States soil, killed more than 3,000 people including more than a dozen from Sayreville. Those residents were remembered, as they have been each



year since the deadly attacks, on Sunday, September 9th, during the annual September 11th Memorial Service at the monument commemorating them in Burke's Park. On behalf of the students and staff of the Sayreville Public Schools, we send our deepest condolences to all Sayreville families who either lost loved ones on that tragic date or who have subsequently lost a family member due to complications related to the event when they were responding to it. Our thoughts and prayers are and will continue to be with all victims of this horrific event. We will never forget!



Last Wednesday evening the district convened its first Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) Meeting of the year. If you are not familiar with SPAC, recently the Sayreville Board of Education revised its Parent Involvement Council Policy and actually changed the title of it to the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council. The purpose for this important change was to create more streamlined and direct input from parent leadership groups to the Superintendent, as the Sayreville Board of Education asserts that input, counsel, and advice from parents is integral to the effective functioning of the educational programs of this district. Therefore, the SPAC serves as a forum for parent representatives from each school and student co-curricular activity booster club to share input, concerns, and suggestions on behalf of their school or co-curricular activity. The Council also plays an integral role in assisting the district in developing various activities and functions designed to educate and inform parents on an array of different education related topics.



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For this first meeting, the Council briefly discussed a potential construction project referendum and scheduled the next meeting, which will be open to the public, for October 1st so that Council members can join the district Blue Ribbon Committee for the first of what will probably be several joint meetings to discuss the potential referendum. Along with October 1st, the Council selected the remaining meeting dates for 2019-20, which will all be held in the Conference Room at the Selover School.

Next, the Council reviewed new major indoor and outdoor athletic and school related event security procedures, and Dr. Shediack, Assistant superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Gluchowski, Principal of Sayreville Middle School, proudly informed the Council that last week the Sayreville Middle School application for admission into the National Junior Honor Society was accepted. Therefore, later in this school year they will begin the selection of the first cohort of 7th and 8th grade students. After that, the Council discussed the Preschool Expansion Aid that the school district recently received and how we will utilize it this year to provide a free preschool education for all existing students in our current full and half day programs; and in the future, in which we will do the same for all eligible three and four year old children in Sayreville. The Council concluded the meeting by discussing some transportation concerns that were expressed to administration and Council members during the first couple of weeks of school. Although some parents have expressed concerns regarding the efficiency of some of our larger busses, and that of our vans, much of the negative feedback that we have received has revolved around the need for more subscription busses.

As I mentioned in last week's edition, the Sayreville Public Schools will receive Preschool Expansion Aid this year and for the many years to follow for the purpose of providing a free preschool education to all eligible three and four olds in Sayreville. Since the announcement by the New Jersey Department of Education, we have received many inquiries. Thus, we will be giving a brief presentation on this subject during the **September 17th BOE Business Meeting**. In addition, Mr. Knaster, Director of Pupil-Special Services, and Ms. Audrey Burns, Director of Early Childhood Education, will be hosting a **Preschool Expansion Aid Parent Information Workshop at 7 pm on September 23rd** in the **Samsel Upper Elementary School Cafeteria**. We will also continue to post information as it becomes available on our website at the following address: http://sayrevillek12.net/departments/preschool_education_aid.



This past week our students and staff continued to impress us with their accomplishments. Several weeks ago, we were informed that the Sayreville Public Schools was identified as a Champion District by the Special Olympics for the unified sports and club programs that have been established in district schools to promote the inclusion of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Likewise, Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS), SMS, Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) and the Arleth Elementary School were recognized as Champion Schools. Recently, ESPN, also recognized the district and each school as Honor Roll Unified Schools. We commend and thank Mr. Knaster, Director of Pupil-Special Services, his administrative team, and our building administrators, faculty members, and paraprofessionals at each school who have worked tirelessly promote the most positive outcomes for the students participating in our unified sports and club programs. They Rock!

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In athletics, last Friday the SWMHS Girls Tennis Team won its first match of the season against Woodbridge High School and improved their record on the season to 1-3. The SWMHS Field Hockey Team also improved their season record to 2-3 with a big win over Old Bridge HS last Wednesday. In addition, the Girls Soccer Team registered its first victory of the year when it defeated New Brunswick HS last Thursday.



They are now 1-3 on the season. In addition, the Boys Soccer Team improved its record to 2-4 with a big win on Saturday over Somerville. Lastly, although they played well, the SWMHS Football Team lost to Middlesex County rival and powerhouse Piscataway HS 21-7 on Friday evening. All teams, including the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams, will be back in action this week. We wish all our coaches and student athletes the very best of luck and thank them in advance for the manner in which they represent our district. To see this week's high school and middle school athletics schedule, click [here](#). Go Bombers!



As per the September Head of the Class Calendar, this **Tuesday (September 17th)** there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the **SWMHS Cafeteria at 7:30 pm**. During it, we will give a brief presentation on the Preschool Expansion Aid that we received, and how we will implement the program plan that we submitted with our application. To see the meeting agenda, click [here](#). In addition, during the **week of September 23rd**, we will hold **Back to School Nights** in the evening (**6 pm**) at each school beginning with **Project Before** and the **high school on September 23rd**, all **K-3 elementary schools on September 24th**, the **upper elementary school on September 25th**, and the **middle school on September 26th**. Likewise, as mentioned above, please remember that the **Preschool Expansion Aid Parent Information Workshop** will take place at **7 pm on September 23rd** in the **Samsel Upper Elementary School Cafeteria**. Furthermore, please note that students will be dismissed early on Friday, September 27th. Finally, please remember that all our schools will be closed on Monday, September 30th in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

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.

Have a wonderful first week of school!

Dr. Labbe

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