

Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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Talk Sup Week 11 Review and Preview

November 18, 2019

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

I would like to begin this edition by thanking the over 1047 Sayreville Community members who completed the Facility Improvement Referendum Survey. Although, I will be reviewing the results of the survey with the Board of Education and public in entirety during tomorrow's November 19th BOE Business Meeting, below please find some preliminary findings:

- 68% of the respondents reside in Sayreville
- 51% of the respondents were parents
- 75% of the respondents favored a referendum for replacing roofs and windows, 66% favored one for renovating Selover, 78% favored one for replacing and upgrading electrical grids, and 85% favored one for installing air conditioning.
- Of those respondents who favored air conditioning, 85% preferred total climate control.
- 70% of respondents have selected Option A.

Last Wednesday, I actually reviewed the preliminary results of the survey with the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC) and Blue Ribbon Committees during a joint meeting. After the presentation, we discussed the next steps in the process, which would be for the Superintendent to present the results of the survey to the BOE and the public on November 19th before potentially asking the Board to approve a referendum resolution during the December 17th BOE Business Meeting. Next, they had a preliminary discussion about potential marketing strategies should the Board of Education approve a referendum resolution then.

After that, the Superintendent discussed the opening of 2020-21 full-day preschool and kindergarten registration on Friday. Lastly, the Superintendent informed the SPAC that all PTO or parent booster club fundraising plans for major monetary donations, particularly those that are used to improve our facilities, such as playgrounds and air conditioning units, must be approved first by the Superintendent prior to the commencement of fundraising. The next joint SPAC and Blue Ribbon Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 11th.



While I was unable to attend it, the staff and students at the Eisenhower Elementary School participated in a ceremony to honor our military veterans. It was a very moving patriotic activity that was attended by dozens of Sayreville residents who are veterans. During the ceremony the students sang patriotic songs to express their gratitude to our veterans. In addition, the school recognized the staff and their family members who are veterans. We congratulate and commend Ms. Cruz, Music Teacher, and Mr. Nurnberger, Principal of the Eisenhower Elementary School, as well as all the

amazing staff at Eisenhower for coordinating such a memorable experiences for all who attended. Naturally, we also commend our students who performed so magnificently during each and we salute all our veterans.



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Last Thursday we held the annual Bombers Unified Indoor Soccer Tournament at SWMHS. During it, those in attendance were both impressed and inspired to watch our students with intellectual disabilities compete with and against their typically developing peers. Moreover, everyone was moved to see the comradery and friendship between our student athletes, which



indoubtedly evolved during the process of practicing and preparing for the tournament together. Finally, everyone



was overwhelmed with joy to witness the amount of staff members, parents, and students who came out to assist and support these incredible student athletes. We thank and commend Mr. Knaster, the Director of Special Services, and all the Bombers Unified Sports advisors and coaches, particularly Mr. Ivy, for the tremendous job they did in coordinating this event.





In other happenings in our schools this past week, the students and parents at the Arleth School had a wonderful evening during their annual Family Bingo Night, in which Mr. Esposito, Vice President of the Board of Education, was

the guest caller. At the Wilson School, the students and staff proclaimed that they are "wild about reading!" The Project Before



preschool staff also had a ton of fun working at McDonalds last week during a fundraiser. Likewise, so did our middle school students, who had a wonderful time at Bubbas33 learning how to make their own personal pizzas.

Last Friday, (November 15, 2019), the parents of ALL eligible (must be 3 to being preschool and 5 to begin kindergarten by September 30, 2020) preschool and kindergarten students were invited to visit our website in order to register for our <u>free full-day</u> 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) 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.

As per the November Head of the Class Calendar, please remember that **report cards** for students in grades 6-12 will be populated in Oncourse Connect on **November 22nd**. In addition, please note that our **schools will be <u>closed</u>** on **November 28th and 29th** in observance of Thanksgiving. Likewise, remember that we will **dismiss our students and staff <u>early</u>** on **November 27th** so that our staff and parents can get a head start on holiday traveling and preparations. Finally, please note that there will be a **BOE Business Meeting this Tuesday, November 19th**.

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. Likewise,



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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@savrevillek12.net**.

Have a wonderful week of school!

Dr. Labbe