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Talk Sup Week 40 Review and Preview

June 17, 2019

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing Father's Day weekend. Welcome to another edition of Talk Sup Review and Preview. This will be the last one until **September 3, 2019**. To see all the 2018-19 editions, click [here](#). Please remember that the district will **dismiss students early** this **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (June 19-21st)** and that the **last day of school** for students will be this **Friday, June 21st**.



As we put the finishing touches on yet another highly successful school year and begin the long process of preparing for 2019-20, 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 most positive outcomes for the children in Sayreville. Please understand that the Sayreville Board of Education, Administration, and I deeply appreciate and fiercely admire all that you do for our students. We know all too well, how hard you work and how much you sacrifice every day for our children. 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 2019-20. For those of you that 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 see you again.



Last Wednesday evening, I was humbled to have the opportunity as Interim Principal to recognize and honor the students in the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Class of 2019 who received awards, recognition, and scholarships this school year during the annual Senior Awards Night. As always, it was a wonderful program filled with the tradition and elegance necessary to honor, recognize, and celebrate all our incredible seniors at SWMHS for their outstanding performances this year in and out of the classroom. This year, once again, more students received more awards, which are sponsored by the Sayreville Board of Education and a plethora of local, state, and national organizations and companies. In fact, many of the awards were monetary in the form of post-secondary education scholarships. Thus we cannot possibly thank enough all these amazing organizations for their generosity. It is inspiring to know that parents and organizations in our greater community value the importance of collaboration, charity, and community; and to that end are willing to sacrifice time, funds, and/or property to benefit our students and staff. Furthermore, we commend and thank Ms. Wlodarczyk, Ms. Gelpke, Administrative Assistants at SWMHS; Ms. Nappe, Math Teacher at SWMHS; the Class of 2019 Advisors, and the high school assistant principals for all the meticulous planning and coordination that they performed to make the evening so memorable for our students and their parents.



Likewise, last Thursday evening the students in the Class of 2019 enjoyed unlimited food grilled by Mr. Brown, retired Principal, and Mr. Howard, Social Studies Teacher at SWMHS; outdoor and indoor games, and dancing, compliments of the Gelpke Family DJs, during their annual barbecue. In addition, they also took tons of pictures in our photo booth. We commend and are very grateful to Ms. Gassman, Science Teacher and Head Advisor, along with the other Class of 2019 Advisors,

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particularly Mr. Mergner, who showcased an awesome Class of 2019 mural that he, along with students Ciara Weller, Ashley Szesko, and Alyssa Blonsky painted in the cafeteria, which included the names of each graduating senior, for coordinating this memorable activity. We also thank the Gelpke family, Mr. Brown, Mr. Howard, and all the staff members who volunteered their time to make the barbeque so special for our students.



This Thursday and Friday we will hold the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) Promotion and SWMHS Graduation Ceremonies at 6 pm respectively in the SWMHS Stadium. While we are keeping a close eye on the weather and hoping and praying for no rain, please remember that if we are forced to hold either in the high school gymnasium due to inclement or hazardous weather, students will only receive



two tickets for seating in the Gym, which means that all other guests will have to watch it in either the Auditorium or Cafeteria where it will be simulcasted. This year's high school graduation commencement ceremony will feature two very special speakers. First, former Principal Mr. James Brown, who retired in December, will give his first ever address to a graduating class, which this year will be his last. Next, Mr. Daniel Buchanan, President of the Sayreville Borough Council and 2019 SWMHS Hall of Fame Inductee, will give the Key Note Address. Finally, we will also introduce Mr. Dale Rubino, the new SWMHS Principal, who will officially begin in that capacity on July 1st.

As we did last year, even if we are blessed to hold each ceremony outdoors in the Stadium, we will simulcast them in the Cafeteria for any elderly and/or medically fragile guests who may be more comfortable in a climate controlled environment. In addition, as per last year, in accordance with our school security procedures, please remember that **air horns and bags, including pocketbooks, are prohibited from being brought into the stadium.** The only exception to this will be parents of infants and toddlers who may need a bag to care for their children and elderly and/or medically fragile guests that may need to have with them vital healthcare items. In such cases, these bags should be **clear** or **see-through**. Lastly, pocketbooks that can be held in the palm of a hand are permitted. Sayreville Police Officers and district campus security monitors, who will be equipped with metal detection wands, will be stationed at each gate to screen spectators and enforce these procedures.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Tuesday, June 11th, here is what you missed. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Spiezle Architectural Group, which is the architect of record for the Board, reviewed with the Board and public the results from a recent district-wide facility assessment that it performed. To see the presentation, click [here](#). In addition, the Board honored and thanked SWMHS senior John



Lewis for his outstanding service to the BOE as its SWMHS Student Council Representative for the past two school years. John, who is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2019 and will be attending Cornell University this fall, received a commemorative plaque for his service. Stephan Farley, who will be a junior next year at SWMHS, will take his place for the next two years.



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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](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board approved the Certificate of Implementation of the Corrective Action Plan for the 2017-2018 school year Audit Recommendation 2018-001. Likewise, it awarded a contract to Suplee, Clooney and Company, Certified Public Accountants and the accountants of record for the Board, to perform the district's 2018-2019 Annual Audit. It also approved the 2019-20 lunch, breakfast, and other cafeteria food prices, which remained the same, the 2019-20 certificated and non-certificated substitute rates, which increased by \$5 per hour respectively, and a contract with Springboard Education in America LLC, for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, for before and after school care services. In addition, the BOE rejected all bids in response to the Lawn Maintenance Services and the Samsel Upper Elementary School Parking Lot Expansion project bid requests, and approved of the advertising for the rebidding of the Sayreville War Memorial High School Baseball Field Improvements project. Finally, it graciously accepted the very generous monetary grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Dupont for STEM education at the Sayreville War Memorial High School.



On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved several revised curriculum guides and co-curricular clubs and activities. On the Governance portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved the new [Evening Buildings, Grounds and Security Supervisor](#) and [Director of Early Childhood](#) job descriptions. To see them, click on each. In addition, the Board approved the 2018-19 New Jersey High School Voter Registration Law Statement of Assurance and the submission of the 2019-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP). To see the CEP, click [here](#). Lastly the Board of Education approved a settlement agreement for Unfair Labor Practice Complaint CO-2019-076, filed the Sayreville Education Association (SEA).

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Donna Simicich, a Special Education Teacher at SMS, effective October 1, 2019. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the remainder of the 2018-19 and the 2019-20 school years, the transfer of certificated and non-certificated staff member for the 2019-20 school year, and the summer employment approval of several part-time secretaries to perform data entry at the Selover School. In addition, it renewed the employment contracts for all certificated administrators for the 2019-20 school year. Finally, it approved the suspension with pay and termination of a campus security monitor, and the suspension without pay of a teacher from War Memorial High School.

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting Mrs. Bloom reviewed what was discussed during a recent New Jersey School Boards Association workshop that she attended on school security. Similarly, Mr. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE/District School Safety and Security Committee Meeting. He also did the same for the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click [here](#). Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, click [here](#).

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 25th**. During it, Mr. Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent, will present the 2018-19 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Ratings, along with the Period 1 and 2 Student Safety Data. A complete copy of the **June 11th** 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 **June 25, 2019**.

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In other happenings across the district last week, on Thursday our adorable 5 year old students in Project Before celebrated their promotion to Kindergarten. On Wednesday, the students at Wilson honored and celebrated the work of Sayreville's finest first responders during its "Everyday Heroes" assembly. Similarly, at Truman, the school celebrated Flag Day with distinguished guests from the Sayreville American Legion. I also had the honor to visit several classrooms to witness the remarkable academic talent of our students. I ventured into Ms. DiPaulo's SWMHS Human Anatomy classroom as they performed autopsies on fetal pigs. Ironically, at about the same time, the students at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) were dissecting squid. Likewise, SUES students in the Talented and Gifted program showcased their "Journey: Immigration Story" projects and recognized their Battle of the Books champions. I also visited Ms. Kuchibhatla's and Ms. Messana's SWMHS Chemistry class to witness them make tie-dye t-shirts. In addition, I was awed by the amazing statistical model presentations made by the students in Ms. Sachar's SWMHS Advanced Placement Statistics class. Finally, I was humbled and honored to attend and receive a very thoughtful gift from our high school students in Ms. Giorgianni's, Mr. Ganu's, and Mr. Gliddon's classes as they celebrated the success of our new Bomber Brew Café program.

As per the June Head of the Class Calendar, the next **Parent University Workshop**, which will be this **Monday June 17th in the SWMHS Media Center at 6 pm**, will feature a presentation by Ms. Coglianese, Principal of SUES, entitled **K-5 Summer Fun...with a Little Learning along the Way!** In addition, the next **Board of Education Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, June 25th at 7:30 pm** in the SWMHS Cafeteria. During this meeting, Mr. Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent, will present the 2018-19 Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Ratings, along with the Period 1 and 2 Student Safety Data. As mentioned previously, please also note that the district will **dismiss students early on June 19-21st** and that the **Promotion Ceremony for Sayreville Middle School** will take place on **Thursday, June 20th at 6 pm in the SWMHS Stadium**, while the **SWMHS Graduation Commencement Ceremony** will take place on **Friday, June 21st at 6 pm in the Stadium**. Finally, please remember that the **last day of school** for students will be on **Friday, June 21st**.

Please note that **all money owed to the district Food Services Program must be paid in full by June 1, 2019**. To pay off your child's account you child can either bring cash/check to the cafeteria registers in their school or pay online to MySchoolBucks. Remember that in accordance with Sayreville BOE policy, any negative balance at the end of the school year will result in **denying access to the parent/guardian and child for electronic grade reporting, scheduling, and other related pupil information systems**. In addition, all SWMHS seniors must pay off charges before receiving their **cap and gown for graduation**.

Please remember that online registration via InfoSnap ([Click here](#)) for our **Summer Enrichment** and **Camp XL** programs is open this morning. [Click on each to find information on both programs](#). Each offers a variety of different thematic **activities and trips**.

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 week!

Dr. Labbe

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