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#### Talk Sup Week 3 Review and Preview

September 24, 2018

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

The big news in the district last week involved pests and lightning. It was reported to me early last week that some pests, cockroaches and mice, invaded some of our schools. Therefore, we immediately contacted our integrated pest management company, which visited the district on Wednesday to inspect, and employ safe and environmentally friendly measures to capture and repel them at the Sayreville Middle School, Arleth School, and the Wilson School. We will continue to monitor each school, as well as all others, for these and other pests that may interfere with learning and the sanitation of the our schools.

In addition, during the thunderstorms on Tuesday afternoon a lightning strike disabled the electricity in the Sayreville War Memorial High School Stadium and damaged our technology infrastructure. Although, we were able to repair nearly everything, the lights on the home side of the stadium and parts of the sound system were not able to be restored, which resulted in having to reschedule last Thursday's evenings Girls Soccer game to a date in October and Friday evening's football game to Saturday. With the help of a contracted vendor, this week we will do our very best to repair the lights and sound system in time to avoid the further rescheduling of events, including this Tuesday evening's Girls Soccer game, Thursday evening's Boys Soccer Game, Friday evening's football game, and the Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) Marching Band Home Show Competition on Saturday evening.

While I was not able to attend, last Thursday evening Eric Glock-Molloy, Assistant Superintendent of Information, Technology, and Operations, presented the new HIB Policies and Regulations during the first Sayreville Parent University workshop of the 2018-19 school year. To see his presentation click <a href="here">here</a>. To view the video of the presentation click <a href="here">here</a>. Ms. Obryk, the Supervisor of Professional Development who coordinates Parent University, reported to me that thanks to some parent volunteers and our SWMHS Tomorrow's Teacher program, for future workshops this year we will provide childcare.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education Business Meeting held on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, here is what you missed. Mr. Glock-Molloy, the Assistant Superintendent of Information, Technology, and Operations, presented the 2017-18 Final Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) District Self-Assessment Score and the 2017-18 Period 2 School Safety Data and HIB Investigations, Trainings and Programs Data. To see his presentation, click <a href="here">here</a>.

The Board then moved the action items from the Superintendent's Report onto the Board Agenda and approved them all. To see the Agenda click <a href="here">here</a>. To see the Agenda Addendum click <a href="here">here</a>. To see all the agenda attachments, click on them (C-1-3 BOE Policies Regulations for 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading, D-1 2018 <a href="Summer IEP Work Spreadsheet">Summer IEP Work Spreadsheet</a>). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the Board approved the donation of four Elkay Water Filtration Fountains and a Bottle



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Filling Station by the Arleth School PTO, 100 student backpacks by the Levi Strauss Corporation, and fifteen 15 inch flat screen computer monitors by a parent of the Arleth community. It also approved the application and acceptance of the New Jersey Special Olympics Play Unified School Partnership Grant in the amount of \$20,000. Likewise, it approved the application for Preschool Education Expansion Aid (PEEA) in the amount of \$2,637,756. Additionally, the BOE approved a motion to pay the Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. \$41,400 for professional services related to the construction of security vestibule upgrades at SWMHS, SMS, and SUES. Lastly, the Board of Education approved a motion to award the bid for Partial Window Replacement for the Arleth Elementary School to D & E Window & Door, LLC as the lowest responsible bidder and to withdraw \$388,775 from Capital Reserve to pay for this project.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved co-curricular trips and activities, including but not limited to the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the BOE adopted the following policies and regulation after approving them for a second and final reading: P1330 – Use of School Facilities and P&R 5142.2 – Physical Restraint. To see them, click <a href="here">here</a>.

Finally, on the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirement of Kathleen Kunzman, District School Bus Driver. In addition, it appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2018-19 school year. The Board also approved a motion to transfer a certificated and non-certificated staff member for school year 2018-19. Finally, it approved of certificated personnel to work in the Sayreville Middle School Literacy and Math Academies.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, a community member expressed her opinion on what official BOE minutes should include. While she also expressed disappointment in how the district used the additional state aid that it received over the summer, she commended the district for the funds it used and is planning to use to improve school security. Finally, she recommended that the district lobby legislators for the purpose of creating legislation that holds parents accountable for acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that their child commits. In addition, a parent expressed her disappointment in the district for not transporting her child to the high school due to a personal hardship. Finally, another parent inquired about how the district determines the walking distance from students residences to schools, particularly the high school and middle school, where there is no longer courtesy bussing.

During open discussion, Ms. Esposito reviewed what was discussed during the last BOE Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting. Mrs. Rubio did the same with regard to the first Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council Meeting of the year. Next, Mr. Ciak announced that the Governance Committee would be meeting in the very near future to begin developing a BOE policy to govern the district Prescription Self Insurance Program. Mrs. Bloom then reported on what was discussed during the last New Jersey School Boards Association Board of Directors Meeting. She also addressed an anonymous letter that she received regarding why the district was serving lunch to students who have outstanding lunch balances. After that, Mr. Biesiada inquired about when this year's Legislator Day will take place. In addition, he informed the Board that on September 25<sup>th</sup> the Sayreville Borough Council will be resuming its discussion on the proposed "Marijuana Zoning Ordinance."



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If you would like to view the meeting PowerPoint presentation, click <u>here.</u> Likewise, to see the video of this meeting, click <u>here.</u>

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. During this meeting, we will hold the annual State of the Schools Address. In addition, we will celebrate the staff members who achieved perfect attendance during the 2017-18 school year. If you would like to see the agenda for this meeting, it will be posted in the evening on our website on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition, a complete copy of the **September 17<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 **October 16, 2018**.

Congratulations to the SWMHS Marching Band for achieving 2nd Place in their category with a score of 81.16 at the Tournament of Bands Competition held at Matawan High School this past weekend. They will compete again this Saturday in the aforementioned Home Show Competition. In addition, our Bomber Cheerleaders are in the running to be voted the Greater Middlesex Conference's (GMC) best cheerleading game squad! However, we need your votes. Click <a href="here">here</a> to register your



vote for our Bombers Cheer Team. Vote as often as you'd like, but please vote for our Bombers Cheerleaders!



In athletics, we would also like to congratulate the SWMHS Girls Tennis Team, which is still undefeated and poised to begin the first round of the GMC Tournament today. Likewise, we commend our Bombers Football Team, which is also undefeated and currently ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in New Jersey according to the latest USA Today poll.



They will resume play on Friday evening at home against Monroe Township High School. In addition, our boys and girls soccer teams continue to be very competitive in the GMC White Division. The Girls Soccer Team has a current record of 4-3, while the Boys Soccer Team is an even 4-4 on the year. Finally, last Saturday five members of the SWMHS Cross Country Team placed in their meet. We are so very proud of all our amazing student athletes and musicians and thank them for the impeccable manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community! Go Bombers!

As per the September Head of the Class Calendar, which you can find below, please remember that this week each school will hold its **Back to School Night**. With the exception of Project Before's Back to School Night, which will start at 6 pm, all others will start at 7 pm. Also, please remember that <u>students and staff will be</u> <u>dismissed early on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup></u>.

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@savrevillek12.net**.



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Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

# SEPTEMBER 2018

#### SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSING

Delayed opening, early dismissal or cancellations due to inclement weather will be made via: Cable TV Channel 22, News 12 News Jersey, Facebook, Twitter or at <a href="https://www.sayrevillek12.net">www.sayrevillek12.net</a>



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4 ALL TEACHERS REPORT	5 ALL TEACHERS IN-SERVICE	6 First Day of School Grades 1-12 WELCOME BACK!	7 Kindergarten Orientation
LABUK			Pre-K Orientation: IPSP & Project before (sessions scheduled according to class) Little Stars 11:00am	Eis - Fall fundraiser kick-off SUES - Modell's fundraiser
SCHOOLS CLOSED			SUES - Kidstuff Book sale begins MS - Physical Ed apparel sale begins	8 Sat - Eis- Five Below Proceeds begins
10 R <b>\$sh</b>	11 First Day of School for Kindergarten!  Arl - PTO meeting 7:00pm and	12 Eis - PTO Meeting 6:45pm SUES - PTO Meeting 6:30pm	SUES - Yankee Candle sale begins MS - PTO Meeting 6:30pm	14 MS - Kastle Kreations fundraiser begins
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SCHOOLS CLOSED	begins			15 Sat - Eis - Five Below Proceeds ends
17 Wil - Boston Coffee Cake fundraiser Begins	18	19 Yom Kippur	20 Arl - Scholastic Book Fair Wil - PTO Meeting 7:00pm MS - Physical Ed apparel orders due	21 Arl - Scholastic Book Fair Save Around Book fundraiser ends & Back to School Family Picnic 5:30pm Wil - Pride Day wear Wilson gear/colors MS - School Store during lunch
Board of Education Meeting 7:30 pm - SWMHS		SCHOOLS CLOSED		Bomber Football Home Opener
24 Arl - Scholastic Book Fair Fall Pictures & Apparel Sale Begins Eis - Fall fundraiser ends MS - Beautification Day & Save Around orders due	25 Årl - Scholastic Book Fair & Fall Pictures	26 Arl - Scholastic Book Fair Wil - Fall School Pictures	27 Arl - Scholastic Book Fair SUES - Yankee Candle sale ends MS - Kastle Kreations fundraiser ends	28 Eis - Chuck E Cheese proceeds night Wil - Fall Festival 5:30pm
Back to School Night - Grades K-3	Back to School Night - SUES	Back to School Night - MS	Back to School Night - HS & Project Before	EARLY DISMISSAL ALL SCHOOLS