

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 yesterday, I hope you had as much fun as I did. Thank you to all our staff, students, and parents who stopped by the Board of Education booth to say hello. Congratulations to all our students who performed, particularly the children in the A Step in Time Dance Center. They were amazing!

While there were less problems this past week with busing, there are still issues with several isolated vendor routes that need to be resolved. However, we are very confident that they will be worked out very quickly, as the school district had a very productive meeting with the management from our largest vendor last week, who pledged their commitment to resolving any and all problems with their drivers. We will also be meeting with the management from our other vendors later this month. Nonetheless, we thank all our students, staff, and parents impacted by some of the busing problems we had last week for your patience and once again apologize for any inconvenience, frustration, or undue stress caused by them.

Yesterday we held the final day of the two-day Vision 2030 Education Summit. Once again, everyone who attended, including John Lewis and Angela Atcosta, students from SWMHS, were very enthusiastic and focused on the development of our district goals for the next four years. Thus, our Finance and Business Operations, Facilities and Grounds, Technology and Infrastructure, Student Achievement and Outcomes, and School Climate and Culture Committees were able to accomplish this very important mission. The goals and objectives will be listed in a report that we will present to the Board of Education during the October 17th BOE Business Meeting for formal approval.

This is the final week for community members to donate supplies to the people of Houston, Texas. If you have not yet donated any but still want to, you can either send them into school with your child or donate them directly to the volunteers located at the 53-foot trailer that is currently parked in the back of the Arleth Elementary School on Johnson Road. We would like to commend and thank all our students and staff who have embraced this initiative, especially Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) senior Caitlyn Hochron. Her leadership and compassion have impressed and inspired us all.

This Tuesday evening there will be a board of Education Meeting in the SWMHS Cafeteria. Click <u>here</u> to read the agenda. During the meeting, there will be brief presentations on Sayreville PROUD, our special education parent advocacy group, as well as on our 2016-17 HIB self-assessment ratings and Cycle 2 investigations, training, and programs data. If you are a parent of a child with a disability, I strongly encourage you to consider joining PROUD. They are a remarkable group of parents and professionals who are dedicated to promoting the best outcomes for our students with disabilities. For more information on PROUD, click <u>here</u>. They will be holding a Resource Fair later this fall on November 2nd. If you have any questions about PROUD or would like to become a member, you can contact them by emailing

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<u>sayrevilleproud@gmail.com</u>. In addition, during the BOE meeting tomorrow evening the district will ask the Board to approve a new Director of Human Resources and Professional Development, as well as Supervisors of Mathematics and Science.

This week our SWMHS boys and girls soccer teams, as well as our football team had big wins against Edison High School. In addition, our girls tennis team also continued to shine. Our SWMHS students were also hard at work on Saturday preparing floats and banners for Homecoming, which will be on October 20th. Thank you to the Class of 2019 for giving the honor to place my handprint on their banner. Finally, our students that serve on our Students Against Destructive Decisions club worked tirelessly throughout the entire weekend washing cars in order to raise charitable funds.

As per the below or attached calendar, please note that our schools will be closed on this Thursday in observance of Rosh Hashanah. That said, we would like to wish all of our Jewish staff, students, and parents a happy New Year! Please also note on the calendar that next week we will be holding Back to School Nights at each of our schools. As you know, second to the effectiveness of teachers, parental involvement in the education of a child, is a vital factor in promoting optimum learner outcomes. Thus, please do all you can to attend.

Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe