

## Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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TO: Superintendent Parent Advisory Council

FROM: Dr. Richard R. Labbe

DATE: 1/1/18

RE: 12/9/18 Superintendent Parent Advisory Council Meeting Follow-Up

The following is a summary of the major agreements and items discussed during the Superintendent Parent Advisory Council Meeting held on Wednesday, December 9, 2018.

• We began the meeting by giving updates on transportation, pests, and by reviewing the data collected from the Springboard Education Before and After School Care Survey that we asked our parents to complete several weeks ago. Below please find a summary of the results. Attached please find the complete survey data. Despite the response to the last question, in which I think that we confused responders with, as a result of the overwhelmingly positive data with regard to Springboard, we decided that this would not be a good year to explore other potential patrons.

Question	Very/Satisfied - Strong/Agree	Dissatisfied/Very – Disagree/Strongly
How satisfied are or were you with the services provided?	74%	15%
Efficient procedures for dropping off or picking up my child(ren) from Springboard Ed are or were in place.	87%	5%
Springboard uses a consistent method of communicating with parents.	74%	10%
Springboard responds to parent concern	66%	12%
I have been able to reach a Springboard staff member when necessary.	73%	7%
Springboard staff interact with students and parents in a professional manner.	82%	8%
Springboard provides children with adequate time to work on their homework.	76%	7%
Springboard provides a certified teacher to assist my child(ren) with his or her homework.	52%	12%
Springboard provides adequate support to my child with his or her homework.	63%	16%
Springboard provides adequate support for children with disabilities.	35%	8%
Springboard provides children with adequate time for physical activity.	77%	12%
Springboard provides children with adequate supervision during physical activity to ensure their safe behavior.	74%	5%
Springboard provides children with other engaging and enriching educational opportunities/activities	71%	9%
The cost of Springboard's service is reasonable.	55%	32%
If given the opportunity, I would like to explore the services offered by other potential before and after care service patrons.	47%	29%

• We also briefly discussed the arrest of the SWMHS staff member. While Dr. Labbe was not able to share much information, he did answer a couple of questions with regard to the New Jersey statutes that govern the employment of a government employee when they have been arrested, indicted, and/or convicted of crime. Dr. Labbe also strongly conveyed to the Council that despite this incident, their children are working



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with the most child centered, hard-working, and dedicated people that he has ever had the privilege of working with during his 24 years of service in this industry.

- Likewise, we discussed the principal vacancy at SWMHS due to the well-deserved retirement of Mr. Brown, and the plans that the district has developed to identify both his short-term and long-term replacement.
- In addition, an update was provided to the Council on the measures that the district has and will continue to make this and next year to enhance school safety and security, which includes the potential hiring of a School Safety and Security Specialist in February; the construction of secure retention vestibules at SWMHS, SMS, and SUES this summer and the Eisenhower, Truman, Wilson, and Arleth during the summer of 2019; the installation of metal detectors at all schools beginning this January; and the installation of student swipe kiosks, along with the implementation of procedures to use them to screen all students at the high school and middle school later this school year.
- We also discussed preparations for the 2019-20 Budget, which includes the district's strategic plan for renovating and refurbishing district facilities, such as using this and future budgets to replace and repair windows and roofs, beginning with the Eisenhower School this year; using Energy Saving Improvement Program (ESIP) monetary incentives to replace lighting and mechanicals; and the development of a potential referendum to transform the Selover School into a preschool, construct a bus and buildings and grounds compound, and to install solar panels. If you are unfamiliar with ESIP, it is a program that was created for government agencies, like school districts, to make energy related improvements to their facilities and pay for the costs using the value of energy savings that result from the improvements. Under Chapter 4 of the Laws of 2009 (the law), the "Energy Savings Improvement Program" (ESIP), provides all government agencies in New Jersey with a flexible tool to improve and reduce energy usage with minimal expenditure of new financial resources.
- Lastly, Dr. Shediack, answered a question with regard to when the district begins and how it prepares high school students for the college application process. Mr. Glock-Molloy and Mr. Gluchowski also addressed an inquiry about what the district does to thwart students from potentially smoking marijuana in bathrooms at the middle and high schools. Lastly, Mr. Gluchowski and Dr. Labbe responded to questions about the amount of time children, particularly in grades K-8, have to eat lunch after waiting in lines to purchase it. In fact, for our next meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Labbe announced that he will ask Christa Brown, Director of Food Services, and Nancy Mannino, Assistant Director, to attend in order to address these concerns and answer additional questions.

Thank you so much for your leadership, and commitment and dedication to ensuring the students in the Sayreville Public schools. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 9**<sup>th</sup> at **7 pm in the Selover Conference Room**.

**RRL** 

CC: K. Ciak, BOE President