

## Sayreville Public Schools Vision 2030

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## Talk Sup Week 1 Review and Preview

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Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a most relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of my *Talk Sup(erintendent) Review and Preview* newsletter, which was created years ago for the purpose of communicating district news and information to you on a more frequent and consistent basis. During these weekly newsletters, I will review the major school district news from the previous week and provide you with a preview of the week to come.

I would like begin this edition by taking the time to apologize to all our students, parents, and staff who



were inconvenienced or stressed by bus delays this past week. I would also like to compliment and thank our staff, particularly those in our Transportation Department and at our schools, for working tirelessly last week to ensure that every student got home safely. Likewise, I would like to once again thank our parents for their understanding and patience. This week we will meet with the senior vice president at Durham Bus Services, our only bus vendor, to discuss

how they will remediate the staffing issues that they have, which are the primary cause for our major delays. It is our understanding that they did hire a new driver for one of our routes last week. That driver is expected to begin this upcoming week. In addition, we too will be retroactively hiring new drivers this week. Therefore, we may be able to take over some of the Durham routes if they are unable to resolve their staffing problems. Nonetheless, unfortunately, there will more than likely be delays this week. Parents can also assist us in reducing delays by arriving to bus stops **on time** to put their preschool and elementary school children on our buses in the morning, and more importantly, to receive them in the afternoon. Beginning this week, **our buses will not wait for parents who are not at bus stops when they arrive**.



Remember that in a 24 days, we will ask all residents in Sayreville to "cool the schools" by voting on the Facilities Improvement (air conditioning) Referendum on Thursday, October 6, 2022. If you need or want to Vote by Mail, click here and scroll down to the Vote by Mail section. You



will see applications in several languages. This information is also on the below-mentioned <u>Cool the</u> Schools Facilities Improvement (air conditioning) Referendum page of our website. To see the current

presentation on the referendum, click <u>here</u>. To view our new <u>Cool the Schools</u>



**Flyer** and/or **Frequently Asked Questions** brochure, click on each. To see all information pertaining to the <u>Cool the</u> <u>Schools Facilities Improvement (air conditioning)</u> <u>Referendum</u> and the district district's strategic approach to improving its facilities, click <u>here</u>. On this page you can also ask any additional questions and not only receive a



response in real time, but you will also see the questions and responses asked by others accordingly.

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Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a very productive and fun first week of learning. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), like all our schools, are staff embraced the triumphant return of our students. In fact, the students at SUES got to know one other with concentric circles on the first day of school.

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Program toured the Sayreville Emergency Squad facility, including their vehicles, and learned about the Emergency Medical Technician profession. Likewise, they also toured the Sayreville Historical Society Museum, where they learned about Sayreville artifacts and other historical memorabilia. Lastly, they took the

time to serve lunch to our senior citizens at the Sayreville Senior Center.



This past week, our students and staff continued to impress us with their accomplishments. We commend and congratulate Samsel Upper Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grader Lyrik Plantin, who last weekend won First Place in the 2022 Girls 10 Maureen Catherine Connolly-Brinker Tennis Foundation North Regionals Tennis Tournament in the Bronx, New York. Bomber Nation salutes Lyric and all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They

Rock!



In athletics, the SWMHS Football Team notched its first victory of the season by defeating New Brunswick High School (HS) 22-7. They are now 1-1 on the season. Likewise, the SWMHS Boys Soccer Team defeated Woodbridge HS last week to earn its first victory of the season and even its record to 1-1. In addition, the SWMHS Field Hockey Team, which is also 1-1 on the season, beat North Plainfield HS last week for its first win of the season. Finally, the SWMHS Girls Tennis Team defeated Piscataway HS in their home opening match by a score of 3-2 with a straight set victory performance by Vanya Jha. Win or lose, all our amazing student athletes continued to compete fiercely and demonstrate the

teamwork and sportsmanship that makes us all proud to be Bombers. Thus, we thank them and their coaches for their hard work, dedication, and the manner in which they represent SWMHS and our community. Please remember that you can see all athletic team schedules and view all the action by watching them on the live streaming links posted on the Athletics page of our website or by clicking <u>here</u>.

As per the <u>2022-23 School District Calendar</u>, and/or the <u>September Head of the Class Calendar</u>, which you can view respectively by clicking on each, on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Board of Education Business Meeting in the new Samsel Upper Elementary School Board Meeting Room. In

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addition, during the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>, we will hold Back to School Nights at each school beginning with Project Before and the high school on September 19<sup>th</sup>, all K-3 elementary schools on September 20<sup>th</sup>, the upper elementary school on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and the middle school on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Likewise, <u>please note that students will be dismissed early on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup></u>. Finally, please remember that <u>our schools will be closed on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Rosh Hashanah</u>.

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, if you would like to advertise on our **buses**, click <u>here</u>.

Have a great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe