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Talk Sup Week 4 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 Talk Sup, my weekly newsletter. Please remember that this week our schools will be closed this Wednesday in observance of Yom Kippur and on Thursday, due to voting in our schools for the Facilities Improvement Referendum. **Please remember to vote!**



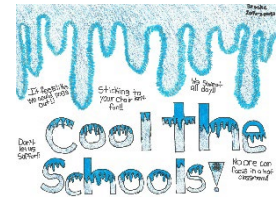
With that said, please remember that **this Thursday**, all residents in Sayreville will have an opportunity to “cool the schools” by voting on the **Facilities Improvement (air conditioning) Referendum on Thursday, October 6, 2022**. Last Thursday, our students voted overwhelmingly to



support referendum during our **mock referendum elections** at each school. To see the current presentation on the referendum, click [here](#). To view our new [Cool the Schools Flyer](#) and/or [Frequently Asked Questions](#) brochure, click on each. To see all information pertaining to the [Cool](#)



[the Schools Facilities Improvement \(air conditioning\) Referendum](#) and the district's strategic approach to improving its facilities, click [here](#). 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.



If you did not have a chance to attend the Board of Education (BOE) Business Meeting held on Tuesday, September 27th, here is what you missed. Gianna Pesci from Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS) and Morgan Koonce from the Sayreville Middle School (SMS) began the meeting by providing their respective Student Council Representative to the Board of



Education Reports. Next, Mr. Esposito expressed his opening remarks about the recent contract agreement between the Sayreville Education Association (SEA) and the Board of Education, as did Mr. Walsh, who also shared a few district highlights.

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 [here](#). To see the Agenda Addendum, click [here](#). To see all attachments, click [here](#). To view the video of the meeting, click [here](#). Among other motions, on the Vision 2030 Finance and Infrastructure portion of the agenda, the BOE graciously accepted the very generous donation in the amount of \$500 from Cooper Horowitz, to be used by the Bombers Beyond program for admission fees and materials for community-based instruction. It also approved the application and

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acceptance of the Special Olympics New Jersey Unified Champion Schools Grant in the amount of \$15,000. Lastly, it approved an additional withdrawal from Capital Reserve in the amount of \$205,850 to be used for the professional services related to the construction of a Transportation Complex on Cheesequake Road.

On the Student Achievement portion of the agenda, among other motions, the BOE approved new and revised curriculum guides. Likewise, on the Governance portion of the agenda, the Board of Education approved the 2022-23 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan. Click [here](#) to review it. It also approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the SEA on the 2021 – 2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

On the Personnel portion of the agenda, as well as other motions, the Board of Education accepted the retirements of Susan Frank, Paraprofessional at the Wilson School, retroactively effective September 1, 2022; Pam Gunter, Media Specialist at the Arleth School, and Lorraine Galante, Cafeteria Worker at the Truman School, effective January 1, 2023; and Donna Koblos, Special Education Teacher at the Wilson School, effective July 1, 2023. It also appointed new certificated and non-certificated staff for the 2022-23 school year. Likewise, the Board approved the transfer of non-certificated staff for the 2022-23 school year. The BOE also appointed teachers for the Literacy and Math Academies, Tier 3 Intervention Services, ELL Tutorial Services, and Middle School NJHS Afterschool Homework Help for the 2022-23 school year. Similarly, it appointed Personnel for Unified Sports Program. Finally, the Board of Education approved Willabees Facilitators for 2022-2023 school year.

During the Board Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Fernandez reviewed what was discussed during the last Finance and Infrastructure Committee Meeting, as did Mr. Walsh for the last Personnel Committee Meeting, Mrs. Bloom for the last Student Achievement Committee Meeting, and Mrs. Pieloch for the last Governance Committee Meeting. Mrs. Bloom also shared news from the Middlesex County School Boards Association and Mr. Fernandez did the same with regard to the Sayreville/South Amboy Rotary Club.

The next meeting will take place on **October 18, 2022**. During this meeting, the district will present the annual **State of the Schools Address**, which will include a review of the 2021-22 District Goals, including the district 2021-22 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment results; introduction of the 2022-23 District Goals; and the introduction of the 2023-24 Budget Development Calendar. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the district website on **Friday, October 14th**. A complete copy of the **September 27th** meeting minutes will be posted on the BOE Meeting Minutes page of the website once they are approved by the BOE during the next regular business meeting on **October 18, 2022**.



As aforementioned, last Thursday the district held the “Cool the Schools” Facilities Improvement Referendum Student Mock Election in each school across the district. Along with being



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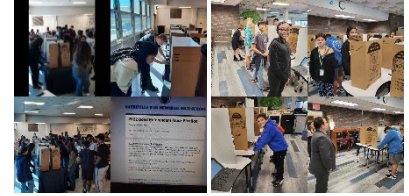


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absolutely adorable, especially at the preschool and elementary school level, the student voices of approval were heard loud and clear. In fact, the total approval rate by our students was over 70% district-wide. Students at every level also learned



essential Civics content, especially how important it is for citizens in the greatest democratic nation in the world to exercise their civic responsibility of voting. Thus, we implore the parents of our students to demonstrate their civic responsibility to their children by voting on the on the **Facilities Improvement (air conditioning) Referendum on Thursday, October 6, 2022.**



Moreover, we strongly encourage them to take their children with them when they do so. If you are still undecided as to how you will vote, Click [here](#) to check out an article on the impact heat has on the ability of students to learn. Likewise, look at the melted crayons found in a closet on the second floor of a classroom at the middle school. According to research, crayons begin to melt when temperatures are above 120 degrees Fahrenheit!



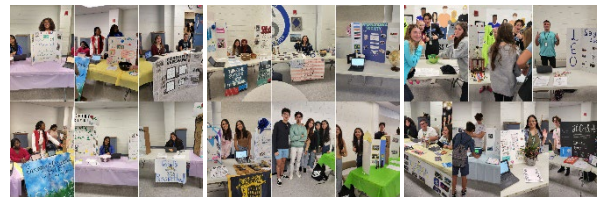
Thanks to our magnificent teachers and instructional staff, our students had a ton of fun learning last week. At the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), Ms. Boccardi's and Mr. Vilichka's 4th grade students explored how mountains form. At the middle school, Ms. Iurilli's students learned about the left and right sides of the brain to help them understand their unique learning styles. At the high school, students in Mr. Mish's



Environmental Science Class experimented with models to test wind resistance. In



addition, all students participated in the annual high school Activities Fair during student lunches last Thursday. If you did not know, the high school offers close to 50 different clubs and extra-curricular



activities, which does not include athletics, for students to participate in. Finally, some students enjoyed a trip to the Eastmont Orchards for some apple picking. In the Bombers Beyond 18-21-Year-Old Program, students learned from Mr. Gliddon, the high school Wood



Shop Teacher, how to use a power screwdriver in order to help them put together newly purchased furniture for their program. They also helped the high school technology department with inventory and transporting Chromebook carts to testing rooms. Lastly, they toured the kitchen and had lunch at Colonial Diner.



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This past week, our students and staff continued to impress us with their remarkable accomplishments. We commend and congratulate Zohal Shah, from SWMHS Class of 2013, who was in Washington DC last week presenting to the Department of Education on digital equity in schools. She works with Digital Promise Global and contributed to a study and creation of a resource entitled *Advancing Digital Equity for All*. Check it out by clicking [here](#). Bomber Nation salutes all our students, staff, and community members for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!



In athletics, the SWMHS Football Team defeated East Brunswick High School (HS) to improve its season record to 3-2. The SWMHS Boys Soccer Team improved its record on the season to 6-5 with a victory over Rutgers Prep HS last Saturday. Likewise, the SWMHS Girls Soccer Team defeated North Plainfield HS last week to improve its record to 5-6. Finally, the



SWMHS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams continued to dominate during meets last week, including the Garret Mountain Meet, in which Haven Ibarra and Muhtasim Noor medaled. 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 [here](#).

As per the [2022-23 School District Calendar](#), and/or the [October Head of the Class Calendar](#), which you can view respectively by clicking on each, on **Tuesday, October 18th**, there will be a **Board of Education Business Meeting** in the new **Samsel Upper Elementary School Board Meeting Room**. In addition, please note that our schools will be closed on **Wednesday, October 5th** in observance of **Yom Kippur**, **Thursday, October 6th** due to voting in our schools for the Facilities Improvement Referendum, and on **Monday, October 24th** in observance of **Diwali**. Finally, please remember to **vote on Thursday, October 6th**!

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 **buses**, click [here](#).

Have a great day and wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe

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