



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community,

Happy New Year! I'm thrilled to see our students back in school after the winter recess, actively participating in various academic, athletic, and school-related activities. In today's update, I want to share that the Board of Education held its annual reorganization meeting on Thursday, January 4. During the meeting, reelected members of the Board took the oath of office to begin their new terms, and the [2024-2025 School Calendar](#) was officially approved.

Board of Education Members and Leadership

The Kingsway Regional Board of Education is composed of nine members elected by the citizens of the Townships of East Greenwich, Woolwich, South Harrison, and the Borough of Swedesboro. The Logan Township Board of Education appoints Kingsway's tenth member annually. We congratulate **Kelly Bonapfel**, **Patrick Daley** (Woolwich Twp.), **Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm** (Swedesboro), and **Kristen Lombardo** (Logan Twp.) on their re-election to the Board. The Board appointed **Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm** (Swedesboro) President and **Lauren Boerlin** (East Greenwich) Vice President for one year.



Purpose of the Board of Education and Meeting Dates

The Board has a dual role: To represent the concerns of the citizens, taxpayers, and parents to the school administrators and to represent the needs of the students and school district to the citizens, taxpayers, and parents of the community. The Board's required functions are policy oversight, educational planning, and provision of financial resources. We encourage our parents and residents to attend Board of Education meetings to raise questions, comment, and offer suggestions during the public portion of the agenda. All meetings are held at 6:30 pm in the high school East Cafeteria. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Board of Education and meeting dates.

School Calendar Survey & 2024-25 School Calendar

In November, 1,206 members from our school community participated in a school calendar survey. The insights gathered from their input (see below) were instrumental in shaping next year's school calendar. We are pleased to announce that the Board has officially approved the [2024-2025 School Calendar](#), and it is now available for viewing on our website under the 'Calendars' section."

- 70.81% Believe the 2023-24 School Calendar optimizes good student attendance
- 69.98% Believe the current calendar is Family-Friendly
- 66.91% Believe Students benefit from strategically scheduled breaks

Home of the Dragons

- 56.30% Favor a Week-Long fall recess
- 67.16% Favor a Week-Long spring recess

Board of Education Policy Updates

The Kingsway Regional Board of Education recently adopted, amended, and abolished several policies.

Policy and Regulation Number	Policy and Regulation Name
P 1524	School Leadership Councils (Abolished)
P & R 1642.01	Sick Leave (New)
P 2270	Religion in the Schools (Revised)
P & R 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New)
P 3161	Examination for Cause (Revised)
P & R 3212	Attendance (M) (Revised)
P 3270	Professional Responsibilities (Revised)
P 3324	Right of Privacy (Revised)
P & R 3432	Sick Leave (Abolished)
P 4161	Examination for Cause (Revised)
P & R 4212	Attendance (M) (Revised)
P 4324	Right of Privacy (Revised)
P & R 4432	Sick Leave (Abolished)
P & R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
R 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (Abolished)
P & R 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)
P & R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)
P 6361	Relations With Vendors for Abbott Districts (Abolished)
P 8500	Food Services (M) (Revised)
P 8540	School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished)
P 8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Abolished)

Look Ahead/Important Dates

Please update your calendars to include the following key dates... For more, click on the District's [2023-24 School Calendar](#) or the [Athletics & Activities Calendar](#).

- January 9 – School of Health Professions Information Session, 6:30 pm
- January 10 – High School [Broadway Cabaret](#), 6:30 pm
- January 11 – Advanced Credit Night (Virtual), 6:30 pm
- January 15 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day; School is Closed
- January 17 – HyFlex Information Session, 6:30 pm
- January 25 – Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm
- February 1 – Semester 2 Begins
- February 11 – Report Cards Issued



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You May Have Missed....

- [Kingsway's Armed Service Veterans Honored with Quilts of Valor](#)
- [Kingsway's Navy JROTC Promotional Video](#)
- [Kingsway Ranked Among Best High Schools in South Jersey](#)
Kingsway is the highest-ranked high school in Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape May Counties (U.S. News & World Report).
- [Kingsway Named to the College Board's AP District Honor Roll](#) with more than twenty Advanced Placement (AP) offerings.
- [Kingsway Partners with Care Solace Removing Barriers to Mental Health Access](#)
Kingsway recently announced a partnership with Care Solace to support our ongoing commitment to removing barriers to access to mental health services.
- [Kingsway Welcomed 3,000 Students to Start the 2023-24 School Year](#)
School Officials were happy to announce that our students returned to school on September 7th.

Thank you for your attention to this announcement. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Dr. James J. Lavender
Superintendent of Schools



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