

Good evening and happy Valentine's Day. Thank you for joining us.

And thank you to Dr. Lutinski and Ms. Mahar for providing the community with the first presentation of the budget season. As you can see, the administration has been working diligently to ensure Rye Neck can continue to maintain and improve facilities and programming to meet the needs of our students and staff. Despite the governor's proposed decreases in funding, Ms. Mahar and her team have developed another tax cap compliant budget.

There will be three additional budget presentations between now and the budget vote on May 21. If you have any budget-related questions, please reach out to Ms. Mahar's office and she will be glad to correspond with you.

May 21 is the day to vote on the budget and the proposition to authorize the appropriation of funds from our capital reserve fund. Rye Neck will also elect two members of the board of education, each to serve a three-year term. Trustee Nashelsky and I are both reaching the ends of our terms. Trustee Nashelsky will not run for a fourth term; I have not yet decided if I will run again. Please consider serving the Rye Neck community as a school board trustee. Candidates should contact our district clerk, Mary Ellen Chiera, to pick up a nominating petition. If you have any questions about what it's like to be a board member or how to go about running for the board, please feel free to reach out to any one of us and we will share our experiences with you. There is also information on becoming a board member on our district website under the "School Board" tab.

Finally, we are excited for Dr. Lutinski to share more specifics about Rye Neck's strategic plan. We are looking forward to seeing the plan take shape in our budget and across the district's classrooms.

Dr. Lutinski, your report please.