



Superintendent Report

Sweet Home Central School District

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February 8, 2022



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Upcoming Board of Education Events

- Feb. 12 Budget Workshop, 9 a.m. in the New Service Center
 - Budget Workshop, First Review
 - Mid-Year BOE Goal Review
 - Mid-Year Superintendent Goal Review
 - Executive Session for Personnel Matter
- Feb. 15 Voting Session Glendale ES



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Masking in Schools

- January 24, Nassau County State Supreme Court rules masking order is unconstitutional.
 - That night, a note was sent to families regarding the ruling, that is was being appealed and that masking is still mandated in schools.
- January 25, Erie County Exec. Mark Polancarz reiterated that Erie County has a mask mandate in place for all public places, including schools.
- January 28, NYSDOH appeals Nassau County ruling to the NYS Appellate Court. Court issues a stay to the Nassau County ruling. Masking still in place.
 - Note sent to families that night with a masking update included.
- February 1, I signed a letter to the governor, with 50 other superintendents in Erie/Niagara counties (ENSSA), asking for time to plan if there are changes or an elimination of the mask mandate.
 - “Providing advance notice of this critical off-ramp will give students, their families, and our staff time to prepare to for a post-crisis period of time when we have the opportunity to exercise discretion about mask use in schools on our own behalf.”
 - Note sent to families on Feb. 4 with a message regarding the ENSSA letter.



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Masking in Schools/Where are We?

- Mask mandates are law and remain in place.
- Feb. 21 self-imposed deadline by governor to end mask mandate in schools will likely pass and mandate will remain in place while the issue is litigated in the Court of Appeals.
- Any rulings or changes to law will be communicated to families immediately.
- Superintendents are meeting regularly to discuss safe off-ramping of COVID-regulations. Safety considered top priority. Internal discussions also taking place to:
 - Review SH numbers
 - Test-to-Stay
 - Transmission Rates at SH
 - Mental/Social emotional health
 - Balance regulations/laws with smart/safe policy



The Sweet Home Way

North Amherst Community Center

- Discussed lease negotiations with Supervisor Kulpa on Feb. 4.
- Lease is in its final stages of negotiations. Construction and lease payment in final review.
- February 28 deadline is approaching, but confident terms will be settled shortly.



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Substitute Teaching Rate Proposal

Per Diem Substitutes

Certified	\$130/Day
Non-Certified	\$120/Day

Building Based Substitutes

Certified	\$140/Day
Non-Certified	\$130/Day

<u>LTS (Certified)</u>	\$160/Day
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<u>Retired SHEA Substitute</u>	\$135/Day
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Substitute Service Employees

Raise of Minimum Wage Substitutes

\$13.37/hr.



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Sweet Home Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Initiative

- **First Meeting on January 31, 2022**
 - Introductions
 - Review of Board Goal #5
 - Developing Community and Common Understanding
 - Mission and Vision Homework
 - Developing the Perfect Community
 - Next meeting, Feb. 28.



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State Budget Projections

Structural Deficit Projections in Billions and as % of Projected Spending

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	
A historical example:	\$0.000	-\$3.471	-\$5.189	-\$5.112	
2018-19 Governor's Budget	0.0%	-3.3%	-4.8%	-4.6%	
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
2022-23 Governor's Budget	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Surpluses averaging over \$5 billion per year are projected

Total state tax receipts for the current year are 32% above projections from when the budget was passed.

School Aid Projections (In billions)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Increase in billions	\$2.067	\$2.961	\$1.296	\$1.428	\$1.494
% Increase	7.1%	9.5%	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%

SOURCE: Compiled from NYS Division of the Budget Executive Budget State Financial Plan , SFY 2018-19 and 2022-23

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Testing

- Each student and staff member will receive a rapid test kit to take home the day before February break.
- Letter home to ask parents to administer the test on Saturday or Sunday before students come back to school on Monday, February 28.



Welcome to Erie County, NY
Erie County, NY Department of Health



Department of Health



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THANK YOU

Sweet Home Buildings and Grounds

Sweet Home Custodial Staff

Town of Amherst and Town of Tonawanda



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Questions from the Board?

STRENGTH OF MIND AND BODY

Discipline yourself to be at your best to conquer adversity and challenge.

Preparation * Perseverance * Resilience * Focus * Energy

QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS

Build a support network of people that inspire you and challenge you to thrive.

Honesty * Empathy * Thoughtfulness * Respect * Trust

ACCOUNTABILITY

Take ownership of your life direction and master the sea.

Discipline * Responsibility * Reliability * Independence * Problem Solving

COURAGE TO LEAD

Believe in something that can improve the human condition, and show others the way.

Character * Humility * Communication * Service * Inspiration

