

Jason's Presidents Report

Good evening,

I want to start this evening with an announcement of a change in my professional responsibilities that will impact my service on the Board. I have been named as the Chief of the Division of Child Neurology in the Department of Neurology at Columbia University. This new position and its added responsibilities mean that I no longer have the time to serve as Board president. Together with my fellow board members, we have unanimously agreed that Erica Wagner should serve as the new President of the Rye Neck Board of Education, and I will continue to serve as Vice President. Trustee Wagner and I were elected to the Board at the same time and have worked together closely. This transition will soon be formally conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and after consultation with the district's legal counsel. Before we do that, I want to thank Trustee Wagner for stepping into this critical role. She has tremendous communication and mediation skills. Together with her force of character and kind nature, I know she will lead us ably during this important time.

President's Report - Feb 12, 2025

Hi and good evening Rye Neck. I'd like to start by congratulating Trustee Carmel on his recent professional accomplishment and promotion to Chief of the Division of Child Neurology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. You are evidence of Rye Neck's amazing community of impressive all stars. We are constantly blown away by our neighbors and the incredible things this little community contributes both locally as well as globally - Rye Neck is truly a small but mighty powerhouse.

Another way Rye Neck is flexing its power and using its collective voice is for our ongoing superintendent search. Over the past few weeks, our dedicated search consultant, School Leadership, has been busy soliciting community feedback to thoughtfully craft a meaningful and purposeful profile for Rye Neck's superintendent candidates. Amazingly, 114 parents and community members, teachers, staff, administrators, parent organization heads, and middle and high school students attended hybrid focus groups held on January 27-28. Additionally, 285 community members completed the online survey. Our consultants, Susan and Ken, remarked that this very high response rate reflects a strong, engaged and caring district. Which ofc we already knew!

School Leadership asked focus group attendees three questions that generated feedback on, what would attract a skilled administrator to Rye Neck, the major leadership tasks facing the superintendent over the next 3-5 years, and what qualities, skills, and experiences Rye Neck considers essential in a candidate.

The online survey focused on five questions that addressed everything from the most important quality the next Superintendent should possess, to the most important issue that will need to be addressed next year.

You can find a synopsis of our community's feedback under Profile of a Candidate, as well as the official Publication of Position, and other important documents and timelines on the dedicated Superintendent Search page on our website. The job posting is now official, advertisements have been posted in strategic publications and sites, and Susan and Ken are working hard to find Rye Neck our next fearless leader who will certainly have big shoes to fill.