



Superintendent's Update 12/05/25

Dear POB School Community,

Thank you to everyone who joined us last night for our shared learning event. The activities encouraged us to reflect on how we welcome others and how small actions can strengthen our school community. One reminder that resonated with many of us was the power of a simple greeting. We often move quickly through our day, face-down, focused on our next responsibility, and may unintentionally pass by one another without acknowledgment. Last night, we were challenged to act more like the people we believe ourselves to be. I invite you to join me in looking up, greeting those you pass, and helping our schools feel even more connected. With many concerts and celebrations ahead, this is the perfect season to embrace the message we share in our schools: "Start with Hello!"

Celebrating POB Alumni

This week, our researcher coordinator received a picture from three alumni who have continued the passion flamed in POB Schools on the SUNY Binghamton Campus at their research symposium. The picture and note sent to our research coordinator is evidence that academics and relationships are built in POB Schools and extend beyond the classrooms and after graduation.



Board of Education Updates

On Monday evening, the Board of Education will hear a District report on the implementation of Desha's Law, which strengthens school readiness to respond to sudden cardiac arrest and expands access to AEDs. The update will outline revised procedures, expectations for staff training, and the steps already underway to support this important safety initiative.

This weekend, the Board of Education will be hosting its annual legislative breakfast, continuing their advocacy work with state and local legislators on behalf of the POB school community.

PTA & SEPTA Partnership Highlights


This past week showcased the powerful role our PTA and SEPTA play in strengthening our school community.

- **SEPTA's Night Out** created an opportunity for families, faculty, administrators, and Board of Education members to socialize and honor POB teacher, Ms. Ham.
 - **PTA Founders' Day** teams continue to visit schools to surprise this year's honorees.
- At **Stratford Road**, the PTA planted two memorial trees in honor of students who passed away last year, presenting these trees to their families.

These moments reflect the compassion and collaboration that make POB such a special place.

POBMS Blood Drive – Monday, December 8



POB Middle School will host a community Blood Drive on **Monday, December 8, from 3:30–8:00 PM**. Walk-ins are welcome, and every donation has the potential to save lives. Thank you to the PTA Council for supporting this important effort.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

POB PTA COUNCIL
Monday, December 8, 2025
3:30-8:00pm
POB Middle School
121 Central Park Road
WALK IN ALWAYS WELCOME

800-933BLOOD - nybc.org
#NYBLOODCENTER



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Our district calendar is filled with celebrations, performances, and opportunities to gather throughout December. Please visit the online version for the most up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools