Superintendent's Report: 12.17.2025

The last Board of Education meeting of the calendar year is always a time for celebration. I started the school year stating that the students, faculty and parents all search for happiness as the greatest good in their academic and school-district pursuits. That happiness now transforms into joy, which is an even stronger and sustainable feeling during the holiday season. There have been so many superb examples of joyous occasions here at Rye Neck just in the past month.

- The 3rd grade holiday concert at FE Bellows with Mr. Tom Galgano was fantastic, and ended with the perfect Mike Scarantino-inspired ice cream celebration
- Rye Neck Student Aid Fund has already started to collect applications for scholarships for the graduating Class of 2026.
- Rye Neck High School Varsity Boys Basketball team won the RN Booster Club Invitational Tournament
- Rye Neck High School had six students place in the recent American Mathematics Competition, including 12th grader Daniel Tefera who scored in the Top 25% nationally and is invited to the next round, the American Invitational Mathematics Exam.
- The High School Winter Concert and MS Winter Concerts were brilliant performances, and I formally accept Ms. Clarke's public apology for starting off the Billy Joel Medley with a dig at New Jersey (which brought the house down to end the night)
- Fantastic work and planning with our selfless parent groups the PTSA, RNSF and Booster Club
- Our student and staff collaboration for Phase II of our district's Strategic Plan, which Assistant Superintendent Corinne Ryan will outline shortly
- Tonight's presentation of our upcoming Bond Referendum vote in the Fall of 2026…all completed in the month of December

I also want to thank our entire administrative team and the Mamaroneck Police Department for their rapid response to a report to our Say Something Anonymous Reporting System last week. The safety and security of our students is always the top priority, and it is important for our students, staff and parents to know that we take all reports very seriously. While this report was immediately deemed non-credible, I remained impressed with the speed and collaboration between the school district and police department. I remind the community to always reach out for any reason, even if you deem it to be a minor issue or concern.

I do want to thank our Board Vice-President Nikki Barker for her service to the students of Rye Neck. Being a Board of Education member is a thankless job, but is so critical to the effectiveness and success of great schools. Nikki served the district as a thoughtful and collaborative Board member, always supporting our work and advocating for issues that did not even affect her family directly. I congratulate her on a wonderful opportunity, and thank her personally for helping to make my transition to this great district smooth and effortless.

May your December break allow you to spend time with loved ones, celebrate holidays, reflect on a great year, and return refreshed and replenished for an even better 2026. I welcome any student suggestions for New Year’s resolutions. Thank you.