Superintendent's Report: 1.20.2025

I welcome all of you to the 2026 calendar year. While the weather remains frigid outside, things continue to heat up across the district with some fantastic upcoming events.

- I attended our Superhero Celebration at Daniel Warren this morning, which promotes the incredible lessons and fun generated from our Wonder Studio. Thank you Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. Kowalchick and all of our students and staff for a perfect way to start the week…cape and all.
- As President Wagner mentioned, I encourage all community members to join me tomorrow night at 7:00 pm on our RyeNeckLive YouTube Channel for our first Bond Referendum Livestream. We recognize how busy life is with professional family responsibilities, so giving an opportunity for our community to engage in our referendum process from their home, and at their convenience is critically important. We will have many other in-person opportunities, but tomorrow starts the monthly schedule of live opportunities to type in questions and provide feedback. The livestream will remain on our channel for viewing if tomorrow night is not convenient.
- It is also important to continue to receive feedback from our community regarding all aspects of the school district. In the next week, you will receive a survey from me asking for feedback across all aspects of student life. Parents and students will be asked to provide insight as to your experiences with all facets of the Rye Neck Schools including our curriculum, extra-curricular activities, social-emotional wellness, culture and communication. Our school district is in a position of strength, but we should always strive to get better each day. Please be on the lookout for our district-wide survey, which will provide opportunities for short and long form responses.
- Next week I will join Principal Folchetti for our exit interviews with seniors. I'm sure it is difficult for many of our families as they approach this emotional time, but I am looking forward to having a

chance to meet with each of the seniors and join them for a reflection of their time here in our school district.

While it's hard to envision the warm month of June, these are the days that remind me of the old Hootie and the Blowfish song "Time." In the song time is depicted as a cruel, fleeting friend that washes away dreams. But time is also a powerful force that provides wonderful feel-good moments that last a lifetime. I look forward to all of our students, specifically our seniors, continuing to create those moments over the next six months.