President's Report - February 11, 2026

Hello and good evening Rye Neck. I hope everyone is staying warm in these frigid temperatures.

Tonight officially kicks off budget season with the first formal budget presentation. Tonight's presentation also includes the district's long range financial plan summary as the 2026-2027 budget is "Year One" in our forecasting scenario. While tonight is the community's official budget kick-off, Mrs. Mahar and her team have been working diligently, responsibly and thoughtfully since the first day of school in September. Our district owes a tremendous THANK YOU to Mrs. Mahar and her team for proposing a draft tax-cap compliant budget for the 15th year in a row.

In addition to tonight's budget presentation, there will be public budget hearings in March, April and May in the lead up to the Budget and Trustee Vote on Tuesday, May 19th. We encourage the community to attend these hearings and learn more about Rye Neck's proposed 2026-2027 budget.

In other exciting fiscal news, Mr Burke is hosting monthly lifestream information sessions regarding the facilities referendum vote which will take place this fall. Two of the goals for these sessions are to disseminate valuable information, and to begin a consistent flow of communication to our Rye Neck community. Please tune in to our Rye Neck Live YouTube Channel on February 25th at 7p, and email bond@ryeneck.org to hear answers to your referendum questions. You can also visit the Bond Referendum tab on ryeneck.org for up to date information.

The bond referendum not only offers the district an opportunity to upgrade the middle school and high school athletic fields, it also invites the opportunity to invest in our students, invest in our community, and invest in Rye Neck's future.