



March 19, 2026

Dear POB School Community,

This is a friendly reminder that schools will be closed tomorrow, Friday, March 20th.

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's *ThoughtExchange*. With nearly 1,000 thoughts and over 20,000 ratings, your input helped shape the conversations at Saturday's Leadership Summit. Bringing together Board members, students, parents, teachers, and administrators, the Summit kicked off our work on the next Strategic Plan. Your feedback, along with the ideas generated that day, will help guide POB Schools over the next several years. We will share more with the community when the plan is presented to the Board of Education.

Congratulations to our student-athletes on a successful winter season that saw Boys Basketball, Gymnastics, and Girls Bowling earn Conference Championships, and Addison Dove capture a Nassau County Championship in Shot Put. We also had 7 student-athletes qualify for State Competition, including Val Devivo and Addison Dove (Girls Winter Track), Sofia Rosamilia (Gymnastics), and Joshua Weinstein, Alex Lee, Isaac Chung, and Isaac Chen (Boys Swimming). We are excited to welcome the spring season, especially now that the snow has cleared from our fields. This season, 18 JV/Varsity teams and 13 middle school teams will take to our fields and gymnasiums. I encourage families to check the athletic schedule and attend a game.

With less than three months remaining in the 2025–26 school year, there are still many opportunities to experience the incredible talents of our students. If you have not yet had the chance, I encourage you to visit our online calendar ([link here](#)), which is filled with concerts, performances, and award ceremonies. These events are just another example of the vibrancy of our school community.

We are also proud to celebrate three individuals who will be recognized at the 25th annual SCOPE School District Awards Dinner on Monday, March 23rd:

- Ms. Aliza Aaronson-Greenberg, past PTA Council President, receiving the Community Member Award for her years of service and leadership
- Mrs. Dorothy Drexel, Assistant Principal and Coordinator for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning
- Ms. Tara Rock, Board Trustee

Their consistent and collaborative efforts exemplify our District's Core Values and the spirit of service that makes POB Schools so special.

As a reminder, the Board of Education will meet Wednesday evening, where the 2026–27 proposed budget and the annual Staffing, Enrollment, and Class Size report will be presented. Please visit the [budget landing page](#) on our website for more information, and save the date, May 19th, for the budget vote and Board elections.

Have an enjoyable weekend and for those who are celebrating, a joyful Eid Mubarak.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools