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**Stephen J. Kenny, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

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Dear Wheatland-Chili Families,

I hope you had a wonderful spring break with your family. While a few snowflakes are still lingering in the forecast, I am optimistic that warmer weather is just around the corner. To begin this month's communication, I would like to formally recognize our students, faculty, and staff for a magnificent production of *The Little Mermaid*. It was a fantastic performance and a true celebration of the talent, dedication, and teamwork that exists within our school community.

Please continue reading for important updates on events and initiatives taking place throughout the month of April.

### **Early Dismissal**

On Thursday, April 23, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District will conduct an Early Dismissal Evacuation Drill. The purpose of this drill is to ensure that students and staff are prepared to respond safely and effectively in the event of an emergency. As part of the drill, dismissal times will be adjusted by building and grade level as follows:

- Pre-K: 1:15 PM
- Middle/High School: 1:50 PM
- Grades K–5: 2:50 PM

Additional proactive notifications and reminders regarding the Early Dismissal Evacuation Drill will be shared with families through ParentSquare. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support as we work to keep our school community safe.

### **SCEP Plan Update**

In February of 2025, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District was identified by New York State as a School in Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI). As a result, the District developed a School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) that focused on improving student outcomes and strengthening instructional practices. New York State requires that the SCEP plan be in place for two full school years. As a result, the District will be revising its current SCEP plan and resubmitting it to NYS. The District's formal notification of the Wheatland-Chili Middle School's status as a Targeted Support and Improvement School can be accessed on the District tab of the webpage under the [NYSED Accountability Status](#).

### **New York State Grade 3-8 Assessments**

During the month of April, students in grades 3–8 will participate in the New York State English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics assessments. These assessments do not impact a student's report card grades; rather, they provide the District with valuable information to measure student progress toward the New York State Learning Standards. In addition, NYS assessment results are reviewed by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and are used as part of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District's accountability measures.

**2026-2027 School Budget Development**

The final presentation of the District's proposed 2026–2027 school budget will take place at the April 20 Board of Education meeting. In addition, the District's Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5. Budget presentations and additional information related to the development of the 2026–2027 school budget can be accessed by visiting the Budget Vote and Board Election tab under the District section of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District website.

**Update on District Capital Improvement Projects**

The final phase of the District's Capital Improvement Plan continues to progress at Middle/High School. Hallways have been prepared for the hallway tile installation, and construction of the swimming pool is well underway. In addition, renovations to the counseling suite began prior to spring break, and construction of the middle school bathrooms commenced during spring break.

**Springs Sports**

Spring sports are well underway across the District. Our baseball, softball, track and field, and tennis teams have begun practices and competitions for the season. As is typical during the spring, weather-related schedule changes or cancellations may occur. The Athletic Director will notify families of any updates or cancellations as promptly as possible via ParentSquare. Thank you for your flexibility and continued support of our student-athletes.

**T. J. Connor Upcoming School Events**

- Monday, April 20: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00PM, T. J. Connor
- Thursday, April 23: Early Dismissal Drill
- Friday, April 24: Conference Day: No school for PreK–12 students

**Middle/High School Upcoming School Events**

- Friday, April 17: Middle/High School Progress Report Cards Mailed Home
- Monday, April 20: Board of Education Meeting, 7:00PM, T. J. Connor
- Thursday, April 23: Early Dismissal Drill
- Friday, April 24: Conference Day: No school for PreK–12 students

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Kenny", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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