Superintendent's Report - April 21, 2026

BOE Meeting, April 21, 2026 Superintendent's Remarks

Good Evening,

I commend our students, staff and community for supporting our current PTSA's Walk to School week. Due to the efforts of High School principal Melinda Folchetti and our HS Student Council, there has been and continues to be a Rye Neck Walk to school every day this week. Students and staff members are meeting in the CVS/Wells Fargo parking lot at 8:15 a.m. and walking in. Please either walk, ride your bike, or get dropped off! On Wednesday, the Student Senate will be sponsoring the event, and on Thursday, the Warm Hearts Club will be at the helm.

On Thursday night, I attended a Department of Transportation presentation at Mamaroneck High School. It was an update on possible modifications to Boston Post Road, both outside of Hornidge Road and throughout the entire stretch to Barry Avenue. I was very encouraged by the various options presented, and thank our Safe Routes to School Parents and community members who made their voices heard. The meeting was very well attended, with over 200 people.

Our next Bond referendum livestream will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm on the Rye Neck YouTube channel. I will be joined by Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, Mrs. Carolyn Mahar, who will further outline the financial details and tax impact to our community. As always, the livestream will remain available on our website, Instagram, and our YouTube Channel.

I am extremely excited for two upcoming events sponsored by our incredible parent groups. This Saturday, please join us at the Annual Panther Party. Join us for everyone's favorite event of the year! There will be games, crafts, fire trucks, police motorcycles, musical cakes, and more! Even a DUNK TANK for our students who enjoy submerging their favorite or least favorite teacher/administrator in cold water. I also think there are some teachers/administrators who may enjoy submerging their superintendent as well. It is from 12 pm to 3 pm here at the Rye Neck High/Middle School Gym Area.

Also please join us at next month's Rye Neck School Foundation Spring Event at 25 North on Monday, May 18th. It's a wonderful night to wear denim and socialize with friends in the Rye Neck Community. Please go to the Rye Neck School Foundation website for more details.

Our sports teams are also in action as the weather continues to improve. Please go to the Rye Neck Sports Boosters website for more details. They do a great job listing weekly events so our community can follow their favorite Rye Neck teams.

Finally, as mentioned earlier tonight, the Rye Neck UFSD is proud to propose an annual budget that stays within the New York State tax levy cap for a 15th consecutive year. Our goal for the 2026-2027 operating budget remains the same: prioritize the academic and extracurricular needs of our students while maintaining fiscal responsibility to our community.

Please remember to vote regarding both the budget and Board of Education trustee seats on Tuesday, May 19th from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Rye Neck Middle/High School Community Room. Parking is available for easy access to the polls and assistance is available inside. An array of budget material is available on our website, including budget presentations, a tax calculator for both our Rye City and Rye Town residents, and procedures for absentee balloting.