BOE Meeting, September 23, 2026 Superintendent's Remarks

The school year is off and running here at Rye Neck with a strong start to the academic calendar. I have enjoyed our Open House events at the High School, Daniel Warren and FE Bellows, with the Middle School upcoming on Thursday, October 1st.

We are excited to bring back the Rye Neck Bonfire tomorrow night at 7:30 pm here on the MS/HS campus. We will gather to kick off our Homecoming Weekend events which will fill the schedule over the next three days. I want to personally thank Rye Safety Commissioner Mike Kopy, Rye Fire Captain Clyde Pitts and Mamaroneck Chief Engineer Mike Yannuzzi for all their guidance, support and attendance of this event. This is one of the most exciting times of the year with our sport teams in competition, while many of our former graduates return home to visit. I would like to recognize and thank Heather Harvey and the Booster Club for their support of the Bonfire and encourage all our community members to join us over the weekend. I would also like to welcome and recognize the Rye Neck Class of 1976 on their 50th anniversary. They will be joining us next week for a tour of the facility and to relive some incredible memories.

I want to inform our community that we are moving forward with the hope of initiating a pilot PreK program for next year. New York State is on track to ensure universal Pre-K access for all four-year-olds by the start of the 2028–2029 school year (fall 2028), but the Board of Education and our staff are supportive of trying to initiate a small program for next Fall. We finished an extensive RFP (Request for Proposal) from several programs in the area, and will be conducting site visits next week. Please be on the lookout for upcoming information during the month of October.

And finally, we are a little one week away from our Bond Referendum vote. This is a critical decision for the Rye Neck School District, as this proposal is the direct result of extensive community feedback, meticulous planning, and exceptional short- and long-term fiscal management. This was created through multiyear stakeholder communication on what is right for our student, staff, and community. Rye Neck is perfectly positioned to provide the modern resources necessary to provide a balanced extracurricular experience with our strong academic results. I thank all of our community members from Mamaroneck and Rye who have provided input throughout the process. We hear your concerns and value your input. Thursday's vote is just the next hopeful step in our process, and we will continue to value your opinions and guidance throughout the subsequent planning period. Please continue to send any questions or concerns to myself, Mrs. Mahar, Mr. Ceglia or our general email bond@ryeneck.org. Through our livestreams, regular mailings, ParentSquare correspondence, social media posts and in-person meetings we have been committed to providing all of our Rye Neck community members with as much detail as possible to make an informed decision. I thank you all for your continued support of our school district.