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Dear WCSD Community,

Today marks the last day of classes for all of our high school students at John Jay, Orchard View, and Roy C. Ketcham High Schools. I chose to publish the June 2019 Superintendent's Newsletter today to use the opportunity to thank our students and families for another wonderful year at the WCSD.

Tomorrow begins the formal schedule for Regents week. Please utilize the link below to review the schedule:

[REGENTS SCHEDULES](#)

Some of our middle and high school students will be taking Regents exams for the first time. While some of our students will be attempting to take a Regents exam for a second, third, or more time, I want to commend them for their resilience and perseverance. We encourage everyone scheduled for a Regents exam(s), to study, to follow your teachers' guidance, and to commit to focusing your attention on doing your very best.

For our students in Grades K-8, enjoy these last days of school. I have visited many of the schools in the past week. It is wonderful to see how you are engaging in your classes. Keep doing your school work and enjoy all of the end-of-year activities that your teachers, support staff, parents, and principals have prepared for you.

To our Grade 8 students, all six ceremonies held this past Thursday and Friday were very successful. Congratulations to you and your families. We look forward to seeing what is in store for you as you enter high school in September 2019.

For our seniors, soon you will begin a new chapter in your life. Our hope is that you make the best of every opportunity and achieve everything you set your heart out to do. We wish you great endeavors along the way. To the family members of our Senior Class who are ending their educational career as parents with WSCD, thank you for entrusting your child(ren) with our teachers, support staff, and administrators. And, to

our parents who will remain with us next year, we look forward to continuing to work together in order to provide our WCSD students meaningful and engaging opportunities and programs.

Summer is the time for relaxation and recharging. It can also be the time for “summer slide,” when recently learned material can become hard to recall. Parents and guardians, please ensure that your child(ren) engage in reading to keep their young minds engaged. The District will be posting the summer reading selections on our website and we encourage students to read during their summer vacation.

Please also review your child’s immunization records this summer. A new State law has been passed removing any non-medical exemptions for required school vaccinations. The United States is currently experiencing the worst outbreak of measles in more than 25 years, with outbreaks in New York primarily driving the crisis. Please consult your physician if you have any questions.

[NEW IMMUNIZATION LAW](#)

Tonight, we will hold our last Board of Education meeting for the 2018-2019 school year. At this meeting, we will celebrate all of our retirees and thank them for their years of service to the Wappingers learning community. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Trustees Galletta and Goodman who provided the District with three years of dedicated service as Board members. The District has benefitted from them being extremely hands-on in their volunteer work, always putting students first. Their service to our entire learning community will also be tremendously missed.

Once again, on behalf of the Board of Education and Senior Staff administration, we wish you a very safe and happy summer. Our first day back to school for students is Thursday, September 5, 2019. And, let us not forget our WCSD Mission, *“The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.”*

Sincerely,
Jose L. Carrion
Superintendent of Schools