

June 2017

Dear WCSD Community,

June 2017 has arrived! Although our school year will be coming to a close soon, there is still a lot of teaching and learning taking place.

On behalf of the WCSD, thank you very much for taking the time to vote on May 16, 2017. Our budget and bus propositions both passed and we are delighted to continue our work as we begin to close out the 2016-2017 school year and prepare for 2017-2018. Please stay tuned for an updated Navigating Our Way (NOW) document which will include short and long-term plans for the 2017-2018 school year.

This spring we have experienced a lot of rain. Our buildings and grounds crew has been working diligently to try to keep our grass cut. We have had to increase the level of overtime to keep up with this unusually rapid grass growth. Hopefully, we will soon begin to see less rain and a lot more sunshine.

On a shinier note, we would like to once again commend and congratulate our Seniors from John Jay, Orchard View, and Roy C. Ketcham High Schools who will be graduating in June and entering into the next phase of their lives. We also commend their families, teachers, administrators, and support staff for providing the students with the proper nurturing, guidance, and supports to graduate successfully. In addition, prom is right around the corner for our high school students. We want all of those attending to have a great time and, most importantly, to be safe.

To all of our students who are formally scheduled for final exams, Regents exams, and end-of-year projects, remember to keep focused, study hard, and ask for help, if needed, so that you can have successful outcomes. For our Kindergarten students and new students to the District, thank you for joining the Wappingers CSD community. For the rest of our student learners, thank you for being a part of this great community. Parents, students, family, and friends, please continue to encourage your child to read and engage in meaningful, productive, and fun activities throughout the summer. Learning is continuous, and we want to ensure that great things continue to happen for all of our students in the WCSD community.

Once again, I am sure that I speak on behalf of the Board of Education and Central Office Administration when I wish all administrators, building-level administrators, teachers, support staff, students, and family members an unforgettably positive end to the 2016-2017 school year learning experience.

Sincerely,
José L. Carrión