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Dear WCSD Community,

Since the start of the school year, our District and local schools have been involved in helping to support recovery efforts after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. As stated in one of our Core Values, “we believe that the health and quality of a community are dependent on the responsible contributions of all its members.” These types of contributions, whether locally or elsewhere, are indicative of the great learning community we are. With the arrival of November, we are entering into the holiday season. The WCSD learning community will continue its acts of kindness by supporting local families through food drives and/or adopting a family, as well as in other ways for the Thanksgiving holiday. Also, let us not forget, November 11, Veterans Day, a federal holiday to observe and honor the service and dedication of our military veterans.

The first Superintendent’s Forum will take place at the Roy C. Ketcham (RCK) High School cafeteria on November 13, at 5:30 p.m. This one hour session, “A Budget Conversation,” will be the first of conversations, meetings, and Public Hearings to listen to the WCSD learning community to share what we have done thus far and our plans. Your voice is important, and your recommendations and input are valued. At WCSD, budget conversations begin early in the school year to allow us to develop a budget that puts the academic, social and emotional learning needs and enrichment of our students first, ensuring alignment with our short and long-term plans.

This year marks our third school year providing informational workshops for parents. During our first year, we provided two District-wide morning workshops that included an array of insightful, meaningful, and relevant topics. In our second year, we designed individual workshops to take place throughout the school year at various school locations. This year, we are continuing with this model. We are excited to be working with the PTA Council to integrate our workshops with their meetings. WCSD parents who have attended our workshops provided positive feedback and found them worthwhile and valuable. Please feel free to view our WCSD past [Parent Workshops](#) offered. We hope to see you at them this school year.

The calendar year is winding down and serves as a reminder that that inclement weather can begin at any time. Now would be a great time to download our mobile app if you have not already done so. Click [here](#) to access the links to download the app to ensure you get weather delays and closing information. Also, you can check our [website](#) for updates, or listen to the local news for any delays, emergency early dismissals or school cancellations. Late fall and winter are the more difficult times for school districts to make the right call related to inclement weather. We kindly ask for your understanding as we strive to ensure that all of our students and staff are able to travel to and from school safely. More importantly, as parents, please remember that transportation is provided for all

students. We would encourage our novice drivers at the high school to use WCSD transportation. Safety and erring on the side of caution are of utmost importance.

Lastly, our fall/winter theatre productions, concerts, and other school-related activities are happening in each of our schools. Click [here](#) to view the District-wide calendar to see a complete list. Our mobile app also allows you to follow your child's school calendar to see upcoming events.

The first quarter of the school year will end in November. For all of our K-6 parents, teachers, and students, we look forward to your presence at parent/teacher conferences. Please note that for all of our parents of middle and high school students do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions, concerns, or need clarifications regarding your child's school report card. It is a busy time of the school year, and we look forward to your continued involvement and participation in the great things that our schools have to offer.

Superintendent of Schools

Sincerely,
José Carrión

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.