

January 2018

Dear Wappingers CSD:

With the start of the New Year, we have refreshed our District website to highlight our students and programs since September 2017. We enjoy showcasing our students through our web page and update them throughout the year to capture as many of our events as possible. Please keep in mind that our *Rewind* is sent weekly and includes up-to-date information and pictures of the many great things our students continue to accomplish. We offer a variety of different avenues to allow you to customize how you stay current with the WCSD learning community news including:

- Rewind
- Blackboard (including the mobile app)
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Individual school web pages with local information

Our 2018-2019 budget process is in full swing. The Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, January 8th, will include the first round of the 2018-2019 budget presentations: ***General Support and Instruction***. Our budget process is extremely transparent which begins by providing the Board of Education with information solely based on building and district-level budgetary requests. Personnel requests are not included in this specific preliminary presentation. The Central Office team discusses these requests at length prior to their recommended additions to the 2018-2019 budget document. Throughout the process we welcome your comments, questions and feedback. If you are unable to attend a Board meeting or the Superintendent's Forum, please feel free to send your questions by e-mail to budget@wcsdny.org and we will be sure to respond to you within two business days. Here is a timeline of upcoming Board meeting presentations and budget hearings.

- 2/5/18 Superintendent's Forum - A Budget Conversation
- 2/5/18 Transportation & Undistributed budget presentation
- 3/12/18 Superintendent's Budget Presentation & Vehicle Replacement Plan

- 4/9/18 WCSD Board of Education budget hearing
- 4/16/18 Board of Education budget to be approved
- 5/7/18 NYS mandated budget hearing
- 5/15/18 Budget Vote

The [January 2018 Regents Exam Schedule](#) is developed by the New York State Education Department. Many of our high school students have already been diligently preparing for specific Regents that they have chosen to retake or take for the very first time. All three of our high schools have academic supports in place to help prepare students for these exams. We also encourage our students to study independently and seek any additional assistance from their teachers when necessary. It is very important that each student put forth their very best effort as they take these exams. The higher score they receive for certain Regents exams can almost guarantee that they will not have to take remedial courses (non-credit bearing courses) in college. We wish all of our students good luck on their Regents exams. For our younger students, designated students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be taking i-Ready exams to measure their level of growth in our classes.

Inclement weather will continue to impact school delays and closings. Please note that as soon as a decision is made it is posted immediately on our District website at www.wappingersschools.org, in addition to an email, text, push notification (to those who have downloaded the District's free mobile app) and social media. These notifications are sent no earlier than 5:00 AM and may come after 5:00 AM if a decision has yet to be made.

Once again, happy New Year and let's continue to work together to *Empower, Challenge, Grow* all of our WCSD community of learners.

Sincerely,
José L. Carrión