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Dear WCSD Community,

Welcome to February -- WCSD learning community. During February, school districts and schools throughout the country celebrate Black History Month. While we take great pride in having a curriculum that is inclusive and recognizes the many contributions made to American history, this month, our schools will focus on providing assemblies, activities, and other types of learning events to commemorate Black History Month.

As we continue to move forward with our work to balance the proposed school district budget for the 2020-2021 school year, we encourage you to attend our [Board of Education meetings](#), Superintendent Forums and communicate through the District budget email at budget@wcsdny.org. Governor Cuomo presented the Executive Budget Proposal in January 2020. You can also find the presentation at <https://www.budget.ny.gov/pubs/archive/fy20/exec/index.html>. In addition, we have a very active Board of Education and Administration who play an active role in advocating for our students.

National School Counseling Week 2020 is Feb. 3–7, 2020. The week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), highlights the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. Take a moment to thank the Wappingers School Counselors. To learn more about National School Counseling Week, visit www.schoolcounselor.org/nscw.

We want to congratulate and commend all of our high school students who took Regents exams for the first time, as well as those students who worked diligently and showed their resilience toward obtaining a passing grade on their Regents exams.

As always, during the winter months, we like to keep you informed of the emergency closing and delay schedule. Please see the chart below indicating the days utilized so far this school year:

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.

EMERGENCY DAYS (five days are built into the calendar)	<i>Monday, December 2</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 17</i>
SCHOOL DELAYS	<i>Tuesday, November 19</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 11</i>
	<i>Tuesday, December 3</i>	<i>Wednesday, December 18</i>
EARLY DISMISSALS		

Now that we have entered into the third marking period (second half of the semester), let's continue to work together to ensure that our students have exceptional academic outcomes while engaging in meaningful, relevant, and fun learning. We would also encourage WCSD students *"to pursue their passions and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community,"* by taking advantage of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities that we provide them.

Sincerely,
 José L. Carrión
 Superintendent of Schools