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Dear Wappingers CSD Learning Community,

As we enter the month of April, we are pleased to learn that New York State has passed a budget. Wappingers Central School District is now able to confirm the level of education aid we will be receiving from New York State. If you have been attending, watching, or reading about our budget presentations to the Board of Education, you will know that the District has made some cuts to the 2019-2020 school district budget. Our goal is to finalize the proposed budget and to present the Board of Education with a sound budget that continues to promote student programs and opportunities.

Along with the budget, we have been developing our annual budget newsletter. The newsletter includes articles from each of our fifteen schools detailing many of the great things that we continue to do in our buildings. This year, we are highlighting our Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) projects, as well as community service ventures and other enriching educational opportunities.

I would also like to update you about WCSD emergency days and “give back days.” The chart below shows the three days we have utilized for inclement weather. There are two days we will give back to the teachers, support staff, and students in the event that we do not need to use any additional emergency days. Schools are closed on “give back” days.

<b>Emergency Days Used</b>	November 16, 2018, January 29, 2019, February 12, 2019
<b>Give Back Days</b>	May 24, 2019, May 28, 2019
<b><i>Superintendent's Conference Day</i></b>	<b><i>May 23, 2019 - Students will <u>not</u> be in attendance</i></b>

Lastly, we would like to wish you all a very restful and safe spring recess during the week of Monday, April 15 through Monday, April 22, 2019, which falls later than usual in the school year. As we approach this period, our administrators, teachers, and support staff will continue to serve and provide our students with enriching, meaningful, and fun learning opportunities.

Please note that, New York State testing for our students in grades 3-8 will begin Tuesday, April 2, 2019. As stated in our Core Values, *"We believe everyone can realize their potential and when they do, both they and the community thrive."* We want to wish our students good luck and know they will give it their best effort.

Happy April!

Sincerely,  
Jose L. Carrion  
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