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Dear WCSD Community:

It is almost unimaginable that this school year is coming to an end. This has been a very challenging and yet rewarding year for the Wappingers Central School District. We are a resilient district and in spite of many of the hardships we have encountered we continue to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff.

It is important to thank our administrators, teachers, and support staff for all of the work they do to support and enrich the lives of our students. An extra big shout out to our classroom teachers who connect day-to-day with our students by building relationships while teaching and learning. They are to be highly commended for their efforts and for evoking our Mission Statement and Core Values.

On the first day of the month many of our seniors from John Jay HS, along with students from Orchard View AHS, will be enjoying another major milestone today which is their senior prom. Seniors from Roy C. Ketcham High School, along with students from Orchard View Alternative High School, will be enjoying their prom a week from today. Our seniors are to be highly commended. We want to thank our parents for trusting the WCSD learning community to educate your children, as well as to support the parents as their child(ren) enter into the next chapter of their lives. Congratulations to all of our seniors.

Our continued progress could not have occurred without the support of our Board of Education. We are grateful for a Board of Education who puts students first and provides the administration with the ability to create and continue to enhance academic and extra-curricular opportunities for our students.

Recently, New York State Education Department changed the regulations for attendance. As a result, all Districts will be responsible for monitoring their instructional hours for the school year on an annual basis as opposed to on a weekly basis. For this reason, when the calendar was approved in April, we indicated that revisions to the calendar may need to occur. There will be revisions made to the calendar pending the approval of the Board of Education. We will be sure to share the slight revisions with you after June 18, 2018.

Our capital improvement projects continue to progress successfully. Phase II of the 2016 Capital Project will begin during the months of July and August. Construction and renovations can be challenging and we appreciate your patience and flexibility with changes or revisions that may need to occur with summer schedules. Any revisions will be for the greater good of our District and we hope to limit any disruptions. The benefits will be worth it thus providing better conditions and safety for our students and the entire WCSD learning community.

This June newsletter, which marks the last Superintendent's Newsletter of the school year, could easily be pages long. There is too much that we are proud of and have celebrated during the 2017-2018 school year in the Wappingers Central School District. The support of our voters by passing the 2018-2019 budget proposition, approving the bus purchase, and 2018 capital project referendum, as well as all of the awards and commendations our teachers, support staff, and most importantly, our students have received are just some of the countless things we are proud of in Wappingers. However, it is important to note that whether one receives an award or not, in the WCSD, we are all winners! All of our students in Grades K-12 are to be highly commended for their uniqueness and what they bring to the table. And, for all of our high school students who will be taking Regents exams in June, we expect you to study and be prepared to have a successful outcome. All we ask is that you give it your BEST!

We will continue to make strides to meet the goals set forth by our Board of Education and Strategic Plan, as well as ensure that we utilize our summer to continue to build, enhance, and provide our staff with opportunities to plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,
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