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May 2019

Dear WCSD Community,

Please join me in welcoming the new Principal for the Brinckerhoff Elementary School Community -- Kristin Rimmer. Ms. Rimmer was formally appointed by the Board of Education as Principal of Brinckerhoff Elementary School on Monday, April 23, 2019. Ms. Rimmer will assume her responsibilities as Principal in July 2019. While we welcome Ms. Rimmer, we would also be remiss if we didn't thank our present Principal Ms. Ursula Platz for her years of service, dedication, and commitment in successfully serving the entire Brinckerhoff Elementary School learning community for 15 years. We wish Ms. Platz great endeavors and continued success in all of her future aspirations. And, we are grateful and extremely appreciative for her 20 years of cumulative service in our District.

If you look back to some of the past Superintendent Newsletters there was mention of the second phase of the Strategic Plan. Of particular notice, in the February [Superintendent's Message](#) you were asked to provide input regarding our Strategic Plan. If you have an interest in serving on the Strategic Planning Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Stufano at 845-298-5000 prior to the end of the school day on Monday, May 6, 2019. The Committee will meet on Thursday, May 9, 2019. We look forward to hearing from you.

During the week of May 6-10, 2019, our schools will be engaging in many different types of activities in celebration of *Teacher Appreciation Week*. WCSD is most fortunate to have the best teachers instructing our students and providing all of the academic, as well as social and emotional supports necessary. Our classroom and support staff teachers are to be commended for all of their efforts and commitment to our students. Happy *Teacher Appreciation Week* to the WCSD teachers, as well as all the teachers in our county, state, and country.

If you do a search on the internet for what each month represents, you will find for certain months many different awareness themes. May is *Mental Health Awareness* month. As educators and responsible citizens, it is important for the WCSD learning community to support staff and students and help to do away with the stigma

associated with mental health in our society. As indicated in one of our Core Values “...health and quality of a community are dependent on the responsible contributions of all its members.”

As we continue to do each month, below is a chart informing you about days students are in school and not in school for the month of May. The District schedules five emergency days each year. Since we only used three emergency days, there are two days selected as “Give Back” days where students will not attend school.

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

Throughout our 15 schools, the months of May and June are filled with a series of events, activities, and ceremonies. Let us not forget that we still have two months left to school and we encourage all of our students to continue to do their best academically as they enjoy the remainder of the school year.

Since the Superintendent's Newsletter is a public document which is posted on our home page for everyone to see, please do not forget to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, starting at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. at your designated poll site. There will be two propositions on the ballot: WUSD 2019-2020 Budget and Bus Purchase. These two propositions have been adopted by the Board of Education. If you have any questions about your vote location, please contact the District Clerk at 845-298-5000 or visit our website at www.wappingersschools.org for additional information.

Let's continue to work together and support a learning community that is engaging, meaningful, and fun for the WUSD students.

Sincerely,
Jose L. Carrion
Superintendent of Schools