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Dear WCSD Community:

The Board of Education adopted the 2016-2017 budget on April 19, 2016. To the right is a visual of the five puzzle pieces coming together to represent our Propositions. Taxpayers will vote on May 17, 2016. The District continues to work diligently to provide community members detailed information, ballot presentations, Q&A opportunities, and other means of communication in order to ensure voters are informed on the five propositions.



[Click to open proposition videos and information.](#)

Please visit our website to find ballot presentations, videos, interviews, the spring *'InPrint'* newsletter and more that will provide information and insight about the vote on May 17, 2016. Our next budget discussion with the community is Monday, May 9 at Oak Grove Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend but have questions regarding the budget or other propositions, please email us at budget@wcsdny.org. On Wednesday, May 11, the Wappingers Rotary Club will moderate 'Meet the Board of Education Candidates' night hosted by the PTA Council at Wappingers Junior High School beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Each May we also take the time to reflect on our talented teaching staff as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. Please join us as we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our teachers.

May is mental health month. Our District continues to work with outside agencies and local qualified support staff to address our students' social and emotional health, a matter that in today's society can still have a stigma. We support our students and their families who with assistance can achieve success in their academics and social achievements. Our school counselors and student assistance staff are available to support students during times of crisis.

It is incredible to write we have only 34 days left of school. As a reminder, we have two 'give back days' on May 20 and May 27 as a result of unused snow days. Our high school graduation dates are set. John Jay High School and Orchard View Alternative High School graduate on Friday, June 24 and Roy C. Ketcham will graduate on Saturday, June, 25. These are very important events and allow us the opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of our students. While this milestone is near, we are cognizant of the unfinished work we have to complete in the days ahead. We encourage all students to continue to work diligently in school, to savor the memories to be created, and most importantly to be safe. We wish all of our seniors and their families our sincerest congratulations.

Sincerely,
José Carrión
Superintendent of Schools