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Dear WCSD Community,

Our schools continue to settle into a normal routine and our students are off to a great start of the school year. WCSD is one of the largest school districts in New York State and our goal is always to ensure that we nurture a climate and culture around our Mission Statement and Core Values. At the last Board of Education (BOE) meeting, the BOE approved their goals for the 2019-2020 school year. Please refer to the link below to review the approved goals:

[2019-2020 Board Goals](#)

The District also continues to work on the administrative goals, initiatives, and our Strategic Plan. Below is a chart that may serve to be extremely beneficial in finding State and local information pertaining to mandates, local events, initiatives, policy, regulation, curriculum and mapping, and calendar.

| Federal & New York State Websites | WCSD Local Websites |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data.nysed.gov (New York State Education Department Data Site) • nyssba.org (New York State School Boards Association) • nysed.gov (New York State Education Department) • https://www.ed.gov/ (U.S. Department of Education) • Every Student Succeeds Act • School Budget Process • Property Tax Cap • State Aid • School Funding Transparency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020-2021 Budget Process • REWIND • Next Generation Learning Standards • Calendar |

These websites are helpful to learn more about what districts are required to accomplish as well as all of the exciting local initiatives that highlight our school district. Please note,

these are just a very few of the websites and links that we are sharing with you. Feel free to navigate the entire Wappingersschools.org webpage to learn more. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of our Senior Staff Administrative (SSA) offices.

At the Board of Education meeting scheduled for October 7, 2019, the BOE will approve a Budget Development Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year. This calendar highlights the different presentations and reports that will be provided to the Board during BOE meetings. It also highlights Superintendent Forum dates where we invite our WCSD community members to learn more about the budget development process, share input, and provide an opportunity for a Question and Answer (Q&A) session. It is during these forums, and also during the public comment portion of BOE meetings where your voices can be heard. The feedback from the community helps to formulate the Superintendent's Recommended Budget. Your input is valuable and welcome. Throughout the budgetary process, we remain transparent by sharing and posting any questions that are asked by our WCSD community and by BOE members. Balancing a budget in today's times continues to be more and more challenging. It is the work of the BOE to approve a budget that aligns with the Mission and Core Values of our wonderful District. We look forward to your participation during board meetings and Superintendent Forums or by keeping abreast by visiting our website throughout the budgetary process.

Please don't hesitate to contact your school or your child's teacher to ask questions about instruction in the classroom, your child's academic and social growth or items pertaining to other opportunities and programs offered. Our goal is to ensure that we provide all of our students with optimum opportunities to be successful. We take great pride in our building level administrators, teachers, and support staff. Our day-to-day teachers in the classroom who instruct your children are greatly committed to their success. Let's continue to work together and ensure that all of our students continue to move forward in a positive and healthy manner.

Sincerely,
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