

Dear Wappingers Families and Community,

In the last few weeks, issues central to the future of our District have been discussed at our board meetings. These discussions and the information presented are ongoing. The public is encouraged to participate through attendance. Board meetings include the opportunity for the public to share their concerns and thoughts in the public comment portion of the meetings. The administration is currently working on expanding our ability to gather information from the public through the use of surveys. We are particularly interested at this time of year in learning the public's perspective on the prospective budget.

The issues that have been at the forefront recently are next year's budget that is currently under development and the recommendation, endorsed by the Board, that the District engage in a strategic planning process with at least one objective being the best utilization of available space within the District. The choice to engage in strategic planning will allow for the appropriate research to happen in a format that includes community involvement. It is my hope that this process will foster unity around community values and the creation of a strategic plan with concrete operational objectives that will carry us successfully into the future.

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