



April 2017

Dear WCSD Community,

For the last six years, the New York State Budget has been approved on time or within a few hours of the April 1 deadline. As a result of the governmental impasse, the 2017-2018 New York State budget has yet to be approved. Nevertheless, during the months of April and May, the Central Office Administration will begin providing community members with presentations throughout the District related to the upcoming budget vote and propositions for the 2017–2018 school year. During these presentations, we will also provide further clarification related to the impact of the New York State budget deadline not being met. For more information regarding the budget, please review the [Updated Superintendent's Preliminary Recommended Budget](#). In addition, please feel free to log onto our District website to review the documents and presentations that demonstrate how we align our budget to the District's Mission and Core Values:

- [Navigating Our Way](#) (NOW)
- [WCSD Strategic Plan](#)
- [Preliminary Budget Line Item Detailed Spreadsheet](#)
- [Curriculum and Instruction Elementary Science and Social Studies Initiative](#)
- [Special Education Annual Report](#)

All of the abovementioned links will provide you with a greater understanding of the work that we continue to do to promote all of our student initiatives.

I am pleased to share with you that our spring break recess has not been compromised due to inclement weather. Our students will not be in session April 10-14, 2017. In addition, since our students utilized five snow days, students will not be in school on May 26, 2017 and our WCSD staff will attend a make-up Superintendent's Conference Day. Let's hope that this is the end of all snow days as we enter the last quarter of the school year.

Our Mission and Core Values are intended to celebrate all of our students. April is National Autism Awareness Month. As I began to write the April Newsletter, I also encountered numerous inspirational quotes that really celebrate students with Autism. There are too many to quote. More importantly, the WCSD community continues to foster awareness, inclusivity, and knowledge regarding Autism. Therefore, as we join in on National Autism Awareness Month, let us also celebrate all of our students as well as all WCSD community members and families heartened by Autism.

For all of our WCSD community members, please enjoy your spring recess along with your loved ones. We will see you upon your return to school on Monday, April 17, 2017.

Sincerely,

José L. Carrión
Superintendent of Schools