



Update of IUFSD News from the Superintendent

May 6, 2020

Dear Irvington School Community,

Keeping us all connected with up to date IUFSD news during this time apart can prove to be a challenge. Therefore, today I thought I would write to share a few important and exciting updates from the School District.

Staff News:

At last night's Board of Education Meeting, the Board accepted my recommendation to grant tenure to a number of exceptional educators and leaders. Please join me in congratulating the following staff members on this achievement:

Carol Stein, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Matthew Samuelson, Assistant Principal; Nancy Beck-Deakin, Elementary; Michelle Sensi, Reading; Nicole Fisk, Elementary; Gail Pulley, School Media Specialist; Alexandra Paterno, Speech; Lindsay Donlon, Special Education; Tara Chillemi, English; Barbara Schoeller, Special Education; and Ann Yee, Foreign Language.

Also, at last night's Board of Education meeting, Mary Ellis, was appointed to continue to serve as the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Human Resources for the 2020-21 school year. Having joined the District in January, Mary has had a tremendous impact and has fostered strong relationships with our faculty and staff. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to extend this partnership for another year.

Budget Development, Budget Vote and Trustee Election News:

The Board and Administration continue to collaborate to develop a fiscally sound budget that preserves the outstanding student programs for which the District is known. Due to the challenging times facing New York State as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, state aid and other revenues are being drastically reduced. Fortunately, our District's finances are on very solid ground, and we are actively taking further steps to ensure fiscal stability in the coming years.. Please visit the [District website](#) for more details on the budget development process and to [view recent Board of Education meetings](#).

As you may have heard, Governor Cuomo issued executive order 202.26 setting a revised date for the School District budget vote and School Board Trustee election which will now be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. As a result of the pandemic, there will be no voting at polls; the vote will be held exclusively by absentee ballot. Details regarding the voting procedure will be forthcoming in separate communications to all members of the school community. During the current mandated school district closure, in-person voter registration may not take place in school districts. Qualified voters may register to vote with the local County Board of Elections or by completing an [online application](#) with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Those interested in running for one of the three open trustee positions on the Board of Education must submit their completed nomination petitions to the

District Clerk via regular mail or email no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2020. Based upon the aforementioned executive order, no minimum number of signatures is required on a candidate's petition. Nominating petitions, along with additional information on submission requirements, are posted on the [District website under Announcements](#).

Wellness News:

I am pleased to share that our partnership with mediation expert and District resident Jennifer Monness continues to serve our community well. Over the next few weeks, I will share weekly meditation videos that were produced exclusively for our use during this difficult time. These are simple techniques that anyone can use to help release the stressors we are all facing. This week's meditation video can be found by [clicking here](#) and entering the following password: Meditate@1rv (case sensitive). I hope you take advantage of this wonderful resource.

Also, the IUFSD Athletic Trainer, Hana Gross, has launched an Instagram page that will feature Weekly Workouts and other health and fitness-related resources. To view this great page and to support a healthy lifestyle, [please click here](#).

Finally, as you may recall, each Wednesday at 12:00 pm, I host a Facebook Live session where I provide regular updates on school news. Please mark your calendar and check in on [Facebook](#) each Wednesday.

I hope you all continue to be well and are taking good care of one another.

My best wishes,

Kris

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