



A Message from the Superintendent of Schools

May 28, 2020

Dear Community Members,

I hope this letter finds you well, having enjoyed the holiday weekend. The warm, sunny weather coupled with the initial phase of the “reopening” of New York certainly has lifted my spirits, and I hope it had a similar effect on you.

As we look to the coming weeks, I want to highlight some very important events including: **Tuesday’s Budget Hearing and BOE meeting, the school budget vote and trustee election, an update on meal distribution and a staff parade!**

School Budget Vote and Trustee Election - Ballots Are in the Mail!

As you should recall from earlier communications, this year’s budget vote will be by absentee ballot only. Within the next week, each registered voter in the school district will receive an absentee ballot in the mail. Please look for it, follow the directions to complete it and mail it back. It must be received by the District by no later than June 9th at 5:00 pm. To ensure your vote is counted, please mail it early so that it arrives on time. Additionally, you can drop your ballot off in a secure mailbox located outside the District Office entrance at Dows Lane on Monday, June 8th and Tuesday, June 9th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

This week, you will also receive the annual budget newsletter in the mail. Please take time to review it and know that there are many other important budget [resources on the District website](#) including: videos of all budget presentations, copies of the presentation materials, [a budget FAQ](#) and an [overview of the District’s progress to ensure fiscally responsible and sustainable budgets](#). Additionally, there are directions on [how to register to vote](#) for those needing to.

As always, should you have any questions regarding the budget, please feel free to email me or Budget@IrvingtonSchools.org.

Staff Parade - Save the Date!

I am excited to announce that on Friday, June 5th, the IUFSD faculty and staff are going to have a community-wide parade. We anticipate kicking off the parade by no later than 4:30 pm and will ride throughout the school community hoping to see as many of you as possible. The specific parade route will be shared next week to enable you to watch the parade. Special social distancing requirements will also be communicated at that time. So, please mark your calendar for this fun event and then look for my communication about the parade next week.

Annual Budget Hearing and Regular BOE Meeting

The Annual Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:15 pm. In the regular meeting, Mary Ellis, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Human Resources, will lead a discussion on distance learning. The meeting will be broadcast via Zoom and a link to the meeting will be posted on the website and in BoardDocs. During this meeting the Board will pilot the use of the chat function to enable the community to pose questions or make comments during the appropriate periods as identified on the agenda.

Meal Distribution Update

Finally, just a reminder that we are still serving meals free to all students in our District and will continue to do so through June 26th. [A menu can be found by clicking here](#). Meals (both breakfast and lunch) are available for pickup from 9:00 - 10:00 am at Main Street School's parking lot and 10:15 - 11:15 am at the Tarrytown Crossing parking lot.

Wellness Moment

For our wellness moment this week, please take a few minutes to participate in this week's [meditation session by clicking here](#) and entering the password SpringAudios to gain access.

In closing, I hope you continue to be well and remember to vote next week! I look forward to seeing you on the parade route and don't forget to join me for my next weekly [Facebook Live broadcast](#) Wednesday, June 3rd, 12:00 pm.

Every student, every day,

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