Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community Members:

I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you well and excited about both what we've accomplished so far this year and what we have planned for its remainder. The past few months have been filled with tremendous energy and focus on helping those in need during the recent holiday season. We are proud of the many acts of kindness displayed by our school community. It is with that spirit and enthusiasm that we embark on the remainder of our school year.

One of our major initiatives for this year is the development of our District’s Five-Year Plan. Our goal is to develop specific goals and objectives that will guide our actions and decision making. To that end, we have formed a committee that will be responsible for developing a plan to be recommended to our Board of Education. With their approval, the plan will be implemented in September 2020. We welcome your input and invite you to submit feedback to us using the form that can be found on our website under the Five-Year Plan link. We will use this section on our website to communicate with you regarding this process. It will be updated regularly to reflect the status of this initiative.

It's now that time of year we find ourselves deeply engaged in the financial planning for next year. Our building and departmental administrators have worked with their respective staffs to develop next year’s financial plans. Our goal is to develop a comprehensive District financial plan that balances District needs and taxpayer impact. Our school community has overwhelmingly supported us in recent years and we are hopeful that same trust and support for our District will continue well into the future.

The budget development process includes opportunities for community input at the aforementioned meetings of the Board of Education. We welcome your input and appreciate the opportunity to engage with you regarding this fundamental function of our District.

Thank you for all you do to support our school community. Together, we focus our efforts and energy in pursuit of our mission, “To inspire, cultivate, and empower all learners to maximize their potential.”

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian K. Bellair
Superintendent of Schools

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**BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE**

- **Tuesday, March 10, 2020** – Preliminary Budget Presentation to Board of Education (Middle School) (Begins at 6 p.m.)
- **Tuesday, March 31, 2020** – Budget Workshop (Parkway Building)
- **Tuesday, April 14, 2020** – Budget Adoption by Board of Education (Parkway Building)
- **Tuesday, May 5, 2020** – Public Hearing on Budget (High School)
- **Tuesday, May 19, 2020** – Budget Vote and Board of Education Election

All meetings will begin at 7 p.m., aside from March 10.