

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you well and excited about 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. From baking pies, to making comfort pillows and kindness bags, to numerous collections for local charities, our students and staff exemplified those qualities and characteristics we teach every day. We are all so proud of the many acts of kindness displayed by our school community. It is with that spirit that we embark on the remainder of our school year.



This issue is filled with some of the many examples of the outstanding accomplishments of our students both inside and outside the classroom. While impossible to print them all here, more can be found both on our website and in future issues.

With accomplishments such as these guiding the way, we find ourselves deeply engaged in the financial planning for next year to support our programs and initiatives. Our building and departmental administrators have worked with their respective staffs to develop financial plans aimed at the pursuit of our district's mission. Central administration, together with the building/departmental administration and Board of Education, are developing 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 timeline for our budget development is as follows:

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017** – Preliminary Budget Presentation to Board of Education\*

**Tuesday, March 28, 2017** – Budget Workshop

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017** – Budget Workshop

**Tuesday, April 11, 2017** – Budget Adoption by Board of Education

**Tuesday, May 9, 2017** – Public Hearing on Budget\*\*

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017** – Budget Vote and Board of Education Election

All meetings, workshops and hearings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Parkway Building, unless noted otherwise.

\*At Middle School (7th/8th Grade Building)

\*\*At High School

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 business.

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,

**Brian K. Bellair**

*Superintendent of Schools*