

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community Members:

I hope this issue finds you well and enjoying the onset of spring. In keeping with the accompanying spirit of renewal, it is time for us as a district to renew our financial plan for the upcoming school year. To that end, we have engaged our school community in the budget development process, producing a spending plan that is mission-driven and fiscally responsible.

Some highlights of the 2017-2018 proposed budget include:

- Tax levy increase of 1.99%
- \$100,000 capital outlay project (more details on this page)
- Purchase of five new school buses, as part of the district's bus replacement program (more details on page 3)
- Expansion of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for students

The public budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for all community members to learn more about our financial plan for next year, and to hear from the three candidates seeking a seat on the Board of Education. The budget vote/board election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16.

In other district news, we have much to share with respect to the accomplishments of our students and staff. Included in the upcoming pages are some of the many examples, more of which can be found by visiting our website.

As a reminder, the parent school climate survey administration period is open until May 5. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey, please consider doing so. It can be completed by visiting www.wboro.org/survey. Your input is an integral part of our school climate initiative. Our goal is a positive school climate, one in which all members of our educational community work together to create a shared school climate vision.

Thank you for your continued support of our district. Together, we help shape the future of our students and broaden the opportunities that lie ahead for them.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Bellair

Superintendent of Schools

