

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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.

The pursuit of our mission is paramount to our success. Defining the path that guides our efforts is now articulated in our District's vision statement. As with our mission statement, we formed a committee that included representatives from our District's various stakeholder groups. After a series of meetings and much independent work by individual members, the committee presented its final version to the Board of Education for their review and approval. We are happy to announce that the Board overwhelmingly and unanimously approved and embraced the following as our vision statement:

***"Together with our community, the Whitesboro Central School District provides a dynamic, comprehensive program committed to relevant, engaging, individualized experiences, while fostering a culture of personal and professional growth in a safe, diverse, positive learning environment."***

This will now serve as our internal guide and compass as we continue the pursuit of our mission. A special thank you to those who participated in this very important work.

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 timeline for our budget development is as follows:

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018** – Preliminary Budget Presentation to Board of Education\*

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018** – Budget Workshop

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018** – Budget Workshop

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018** – Budget Adoption by Board of Education

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018** – Public Hearing on Budget\*\*

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018** – Budget Vote and Board of Education Election

*\*At Middle School Cafeteria*

*\*\*At High School Cafeteria*

All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Parkway building, unless noted otherwise.

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*