

March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to March as the challenging and difficult winter months are almost behind us and we anticipate the arrival of spring and the warmer weather.

For many reasons, March is a special month in the Sewanhaka District. Throughout this month, the students in each of the high schools will be performing in outstanding musical theater performances. The performance schedule for the month is as follows:

ELM	<i>In the Heights</i>	Friday, March 6, 2020	7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, March 7, 2020	7:00 p.m.
FPM	<i>Mama Mia</i>	Friday, March 13, 2020	7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, March 14, 2020	7:00 p.m.
HFC	<i>Shrek</i>	Thursday, March 12, 2020	5:00 p.m.
		Friday, March 13, 2020	7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, March 14, 2020	7:00 p.m.
NHP	<i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>	Friday, March 6, 2020	7:00 p.m.
		Saturday, March 7, 2020	7:00 p.m.
SHS	<i>Addams Family</i>	Friday, March 6, 2020	7:30 p.m.
		Saturday, March 7, 2020	7:00 p.m.
		Sunday, March 8, 2020	2:00 p.m.

Also of continued importance to our school communities is the development of a final budget proposal which will serve to provide for the District's fiscal stability and educational future of our children. The Sewanhaka Central High School Board of Education and Central Administration conducted its first budget meeting on February 25, 2020. An additional budget meeting will take place on March 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. On April 20, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will meet to adopt the 2020-2021 school budget. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings as the budgetary challenges and the proposed 2020-2021 budget will be reviewed. Those in attendance will also be encouraged to ask appropriate questions and to provide public comment on the presentations. In addition, we will continue to conduct public presentations of our proposed budget that will be scheduled this spring at a variety of times and locations.

The budget that is proposed and adopted for the 2020-2021 school year will continue to influence budgetary decisions well into the future. Our economic times continue to impact each and every decision we make. We will continue to do our very best to advocate for additional State Aid, through an increase in Foundation Aid and will continue to develop a budget that minimizes the effect on the services and programs provided by our five District schools.

I am appreciative to have the opportunity to serve as your Superintendent of Schools, in such an outstanding school district and look forward to the dialogue that we will have during the upcoming months regarding the District's budgetary challenges. In

conclusion, I am continually impressed by the outstanding work accomplished by the District's staff and by the achievement of our students in academics, the arts and athletics.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Grossane, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools