



## Learning is our Mission

Dear Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School Students, Parents, Alumni, Colleagues and Friends:

January is a wonderful time not only for resolutions, but also for reflection. I am pleased to present to you a brief reflection on the progress of our 2017- 2018 Board of Education Goals. Each summer, the Board of Education collaborates to set goals for each school year. The goals are closely related to student achievement and become our areas of focus.

*BOE GOAL 1: The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education will promote equity of learning for all students via analysis of students' success in multiple facets of school life, including assessment data, curricular viability, Federal sub-group data disaggregation, attendance data, and discipline data. Through implementation of data-driven, strategic actions, student achievement will increase by an average minimum of (three) 3% in each subject area of our state mandated assessments (PARCC).*

The administrative team has been utilizing multiple sources of student data to direct our efforts in curriculum and pedagogy. Reviews of individual Evidence Statement Analyses have been conducted for each subject area to hone the application of our curriculum, and to look for strengths and weaknesses. Based upon our study, pilot programming will be recommended in the spring for the upcoming school year.

The New Jersey Department of Education has released School Performance Reports for the 2016-2017 school year. The School Performance Reports contain a wealth of information. The data goes beyond test scores to include information about student discipline rates, industry-valued credentials and preschool and Kindergarten offerings. Reports can be found at: <https://rc.doe.state.nj.us>.

*BOE GOAL 2: The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education will foster active technology use by all community stakeholders by increasing access to technology and devices, providing for the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge via technological resources in concert with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, engaging our community in support of our district, and compiling annual electronic survey completion data. During the 2017-2018 school year, the District will increase classroom devices by a minimum of 15%.*

We are pleased to report that through the utilization of federal funds from the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) we have surpassed our district device acquisition goal. We have purchased 124 student devices! Also, at the early elementary level, we have piloted and purchased a rolling "smart table" that is used as a cooperative learning center for our students. Our Technology department has worked diligently to update our website [www.woodstown.org](http://www.woodstown.org). Take a look! The site looks great, is ADA compliant and smart-phone friendly.

*BOE GOAL 3: The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education will maintain the financial integrity of our district while providing quality programs that meet or exceed the needs of all students by prioritizing funds in order to support the continued development of high quality programming, green initiatives, and clean, well-maintained learning environments while achieving a balanced annual budget.*

The WPRSD will utilize the following budget timeline as we prepare the 2018-2019 school year:

- February 2018 Presentation of Needs to Board of Education Finance Committee
- Late February 2018 Governor's Budget Address Occurs
- Early March 2018 Board of Education Adopts Tentative Preliminary Budget
- Late March 2018 Board of Education Adopts Final Budget
- July 1, 2018 2018-2019 Budget Ready for Implementation

Thank you for reflecting with me. I wish you all the best in 2018!

Educationally yours,  
Ginny Grossman, Superintendent of Schools

## Upcoming Events/Dates

School Closed; In-service Day	2/16/18
School Closed; Presidents Day	2/19/18

## Moving on to New Chapters

Our Board of Education accepted the following retirement(s).

First Name	Date
No retirements this Month	

## Welcome New Staff!

Middle School		
Spanish Teacher	Diana	Crespo

## Board of Education Agenda

Due to inclement weather, the Reorganization meeting for the Board of Education was not held on January 4, 2018 was finally held on January 10, 2018.

The Board reappointed Amy Wojciechowski and Eileen Miller to 3 year terms.

At the January 25, 2018 Board Meeting, Anne Nielsen took her Oath of Office for her first year of her three-year term. Maricia Chiarelli was selected to replace Valerie Spence-Lacy and was also given the Oath of Office to complete this year.

Not sure when the BOE meetings are or what is on the agenda? Meetings are held once a month usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. They start at 7:00 pm and are generally held in the Mary Shoemaker Library.

Can't make the meeting but want to keep up with what is happening? All board agendas are listed on our website. [Click here](#) to go and check them out!

## Next Wolverine Den Meeting!!

On January 31, 2018 the Wolverine Den Meeting was held for information on the Budget. Thanks to all who attended.

Just a reminder for everyone that the Superintendent will be holding another Wolverine Den meeting on 04/25/18 pm in the Board of Education Conference room. The topic of this meeting is to create the spring survey. This is an open forum held with the Superintendent and all are welcome!

## Upcoming BOE Meeting Dates

Thursday	02/22/18	7:00 pm	Shoemaker
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## Wolverine of the Month!

High School	
Grace Roberts	January 2018
Jacob Lodge	January 2018

Middle School – Junior Wolverine	
Allison Petrin	January 2018
David Walker	January 2018

Mary Shoemaker – Young Wolverine	
Aliyah Pope	January 2018
Walter Carter	January 2018

