



## Learning is our Mission

### A Continuum of Lifelong Learning for our Students

In the latest post from “Knowledge@Wharton,” Ravi Kumar, President of Infosys, reflected on preparing students for the workforce. To prepare students for the future workplace, we must move to a “continuum of lifelong learning.” There are projected workplace shifts that our future workforce will face. “One will be moving from repetitive tasks to non-repetitive tasks. The second will be from problem-solving to problem-finding,” according to Kumar. As a lifelong educator, I find this forecast fascinating. It causes me to reflect upon the work that we do with our students. We must continue to innovate and provide exceptional educational experiences for them so that we build the foundation for that essential continuum of lifelong learning. Maximizing each student’s full potential is at the heart of what we do and is the central focus of our District Strategic Plan.

### District Sustainability

Our District Strategic Plan calls for an aggressive analysis of our District Budget so that we can sustain our current programming. We have conducted several comparative analyses of surrounding and similar-sized districts to ensure a best-fit with regard to our financial structure. Our Standard Operating Procedure and Purchasing Manual have been updated to reflect best practices. We are planning several opportunities for our school and local community to provide and promote positive outreach about our 2020-2021 budget. You are invited to attend any or all of the following events:

Thursday, January 23, 2020: Board of Education Meeting, 7 PM William Roper Multipurpose Room

- *Budget Timeline and Initial Priorities Discussed*

Thursday, February 20, 2020: Board of Education Work Session, 6 PM William Roper Multipurpose Room

- *Initial Budget Presentation to our Board of Education*

Monday, February 24, 2020: Budget Briefing, 6 PM William Roper Multipurpose Room

- *Budget Presentation to our Community*

Tuesday, February 25, 2020: Governor Delivers Budget Speech

Thursday, March 19, 2020: Board of Education Work Session, 6 PM William Roper Multipurpose Room

- *Board of Education Approves Budget for Initial Submission*

Friday, March 20, 2020: Initial Budget due to Salem County Office of Education

### Upcoming BOE Work Session Dates

All work session meetings are held at the William Roper School at 6:00 p.m.

- Thursday, February 20, 2020
- Thursday, March 19, 2020
- Thursday, April 23, 2020
- Thursday, May 21, 2020\*
- Thursday, June 11, 2020\*

### Upcoming BOE Public Meeting Dates

All Regular Board meetings are held at the William Roper School at 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, February 27, 2020
- Thursday, March 26, 2020
- Thursday, April 30, 2020
- Thursday, May 21, 2020\*
- Thursday, June 11, 2020\*

\* On May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Education Work Session and Regular Board of Education Meeting will be on the same night. The Work Session will begin at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by the Regular Board of Education Meeting.

## Threat Assessment Protocols

The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education adheres to Policy #8420 regarding emergency and crisis situations. The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide for the safety and security of each student, in each school building in the district. The district has detailed written plans and procedures to provide for the protection of health, safety, security, and welfare of the school population; the prevention of, intervention in, response to, and recovery from emergency and crisis situations; the establishment and maintenance of a climate of civility; and supportive services for staff, students, and our families.

If there is a crisis situation, our procedures are consistent and transparent:

- Situation is reported
- Administration is alerted
- Safety assessed
- Action taken if situation imminent
- School Security Team is notified
- Crisis Team is activated
- Report is made to Local Police or State Police as per jurisdiction
- Crisis communication plan is activated
- Criminal/civil law as applicable is followed

When an investigation by law enforcement ensues, we are bound by confidentiality. We are not permitted to discuss outcomes, especially involving students. I can assure you, however, as per past actions taken, that we take safety very seriously, and will act accordingly.

## Change in the 2019-2020 School Calendar

Due to school being closed on September 5, 2019 and January 9, 2020 school will be OPEN on the following days:

- **Friday, February 14, 2020 – SCHOOL OPEN**
- **Tuesday, April 14, 2020 – SCHOOL OPEN**



## Suggestions/Comments/Questions

We would like to hear from you! If you have any suggestions, comments or questions about something please [CLICK HERE](#) to go to our website and complete a short survey.

