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Dear WCSD Community,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! In education, we often view the month of January as the second half of the school year, although our second quarter has not been finalized. At the high school level, teachers continue to work diligently to prepare their students for a retake of New York State Regents exams and locally created mid-term examinations. For students in Kindergarten through Grade 8, designated students will be taking i-Ready exams to measure their level of growth in our classes. We have been working diligently to create a culture and climate where we assess our students to measure their growth as opposed to providing them with continual local testing that measures a final outcome.

As we move forward below are some reminders that are important to keep in mind:

- Our arrival and dismissal times will change for the 2017-2018 school year ([Click here for details](#)).
- The District provides transportation for all students. It is not necessary to have novice drivers drive during inclement weather.
- Our district still has five snow days on the school calendar ([Click here to access the School Closings and Cancellations page](#)).
- Our district will provide our second parent and community workshop for the year. Details to follow. ([Click here to view updates](#).)
- Starting this month, we will provide Board presentations on the budgetary calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.
- A newly-developed resource providing the community with an overview of who we are as a district will be finalized and posted on our website.
- Our Board and district committees will continue to meet and work on their objectives. ([Click here to read about the committees](#)).
- Our district and local school calendars are full of academic and extracurricular activities taking place in our schools. ([Click here to access the District calendar](#).)

The above items are highlights of the upcoming events or reminders. Additional information can be found on our [web page](#) in the Headlines section, by following us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) and by reviewing the weekly Rewind sent via SchoolMessenger each Friday from Amy Watkins. Please be sure your [SchoolMessenger](#) account is setup to receive emails from the District. Once again, the Senior Staff administration is pleased to welcome you back to school. Our motto, which is based on our Mission Statement and Core Values, indicates *Empower, Challenge, Grow!* As we continue to work collaboratively with all stakeholders, we will be sure to reach the three aspirational goals set forth by the Board of Education which are to increase *Communication*, improve and enhance our *Curriculum*, and ensure that we remain *Fiscally* responsible and diligent in order to meet the needs of our WCSD students.

Sincerely,

José L. Carrión