

Superintendent's Report

The First 30 Days



Dr. Daniel McCann
Interim Superintendent
January 11, 2017

Strengths

Terrific kids!

- ▶ **Board and community support for what is best for children**
 - **Strong teachers, “*Proud to teach in a school that supports all students.*”**
 - **Educational Leadership**
 - **Dedicated support and custodial staff**

Strengths

- **PTA and the Chappaqua School Foundation**
- **Sound fiscal management**
- **Outstanding community services**
- **Wonderful facilities, beautifully maintained**
- **“We rely on each other...respectful, thoughtful,... and we listen.”**

Strengths

► Curriculum and Instruction

- **An holistic approach to teaching and learning – We value the social, emotional, physical, and academic development of all children.**
- **A commitment to inclusion**
- **Breadth and depth of student support structures**

Strengths

- **Commitment to Innovation: iLab, Maker Spaces, and STEAM centers**
- **21st Century Learning Skills: Project-Based Learning: Collaboration, Perseverance, Experimentation, risk taking, design thinking, and toleration for failure.**

Strengths

- **Outstanding Metrics**
- **Literacy: The Foundation of All Learning:
Engagement / *A Love of Learning* /
Integrated Formative Standards Based
Performance Assessments**
- **Commitment to Professional
Development for all staff**

Challenges

- ▶ **Strategic intent – maintain focus beyond the New York State Standards**
- ▶ **Knowledge-based learning vs. problem-based learning**
- ▶ **Re-allocation of resources**
- ▶ **Communication**

Moving Forward

- ▶ **Technology**
- ▶ **Access and opportunity: High School Social Studies – Open enrollment in AP US History and AP European History**
- ▶ **Literacy: \$60,000 toward elementary classroom libraries in support of independent and guided reading**

Moving Forward

- ▶ **\$42.5 million bond project – focused, on schedule and moving forward *Waiting for NYSED approval***
- ▶ **Phase I Fields (Spring /Summer 2017) and Buildings - selected projects (Summer 2017)**
- ▶ **Civility**
- ▶ **Best practices in safety for all**

Best Practices Safety Update



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Mr. John Chow, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Dr. Kusum Sinha, Asst. Superintendent for HR & Leadership Development
Dr. Eric Byrne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Best Practices: Facilities

Mr. John Chow

- ▶ **Annual Review**
 - **District Administrators & BOCES Safety Coordinator**
- ▶ **Visibility**
 - **Indoor**
 - **Outdoor**
- ▶ **Access Control**
- ▶ **Other Areas**
 - **Drills**
 - **After school supervision**

Best Practices: Policies & Practices

Dr. Kusum Sinha

- ▶ **Analysis of District-wide practices**
- ▶ **Policies**
- ▶ **New requirements**
- ▶ **Supervision**
- ▶ **Support and learning for students and staff**
- ▶ **Attendance confirmation**

Best Practices: Training

Dr. Eric Byrne

- ▶ **Administration, Faculty and Staff**
 - **Increased CCSD training requirements**
 - **Frequency and scope well beyond NYSED mandates**
 - **Whole district training**
 - **Building-level training**
 - **Individual training**
- ▶ **New Partnership**
 - **Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, Mark Brackett**
- ▶ **Students**
 - **Title IX assemblies and meetings**