



Superintendent's Report November 17, 2022

Congratulations to the Board of Education candidates, Janine Micera, Magaly Salamea-Cross and Jia-Dee Li, who are the unofficial winners of the November election. The official results will be announced on Monday, November 21, 2022. Thank you to Tomasina Schwarz and Larry Reines, who ran for the Board. Your willingness to serve on behalf of our students and the Closter community is admirable. We will formally welcome our new Board members at the January 5, 2023, reorganization meeting. We will also recognize and thank our outgoing Board member, Ruchi Kothari, at our meeting on December 8, 2022.

I extend special congratulations and gratitude to our secretaries, custodians, maintenance staff, and paraprofessionals for National Educational Support Professionals Day, celebrated this week. Our Educational Support Professionals work diligently every day to ensure the well-being of our students and staff and to keep our schools functioning effectively. A huge thank you to you all!

On tonight's agenda, motion E under Finance and Physical Plant is about the School Nutrition Program Report of Procurement Review. Since this is not a usual item, I want to provide some background information. While the district does not operate a school lunch program, we operate a milk program. This Procurement Review was for July 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022, and was conducted to assess our district's compliance with all procurement activities utilizing funds from the non-profit School Food Service Account per federal law. The review determined that Closter Public Schools complied with the federal, state, and local procurement policies and regulations. Therefore, a corrective action plan is not required. I am required to provide this report to the Board trustees, and the Board must vote to approve or reject the report's acceptance.

Mark your calendars for a Closter PTO Fundraiser at Bareburger on Sunday, November 20, 2022. Bareburger will donate 15% of your purchase (must be in person) to the Closter PTO to raise funds for our schools! You will need to show a flyer, which can be found on the [Closter PTO webpage](#). The PTO thanks you, as always, for your support.

Schools will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2022, and Friday, November 25, 2022, for Thanksgiving. During this time of thanksgiving, I want to let the community know that I am grateful to serve as Closter's Superintendent. Thank you for everything you do to keep our schools great. I extend my warmest wishes for a happy and safe holiday celebration with your loved ones!

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