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Board of Education Notes February 8, 2024 Meeting

In an effort to increase Board/Public Communications, after each Board of Education meeting an email will be sent to parents, staff, and anyone who requested to receive district e-mail communications, highlighting board discussions.

Announcements and Correspondence

• The meeting began with a recognition of the 100th day of school, which was celebrated Thursday, followed by a presentation by students of Searingtown Elementary School about February 9th's P.S. I Love You Day—a nationally celebrated day that advocates for the importance of mental health and giving love to both yourself and others. The high school student representatives then discussed recent events, such as: the Asian American Culture Club held their Lunar New Year event last weekend, which was a big success; also held last week was the District Jazz Concert; Wednesday was the Varsity Boys Basketball Team's senior night game against MacArthur High school, which we won. Kindergarten registration will be online this year and more information regarding that will be available soon. Herricks will be participating in the upcoming job fair hosted by Jericho School District on March 2nd. The Audit Committee report came back with good news—there were no findings, which meant that no corrective action plan submissions were necessary.

Student Achievement Update Presentation

• Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction K. Elizabeth Guercin gave a presentation on student achievement for the 2022-2023 school year. In New York State, Herricks was ranked #8 in ELA, #9 in Math 3-8, #1 in Regents Science, #8 in Global History, and #4 in Earth Science and Chemistry. 2023 was the

first year of the transition to computer based testing and scores remained strong. Our students performed very well across the board on the NYS Regents. The number of students taking AP courses has increased by a significant amount and they are continuing to score well. Herricks has received the highest acknowledgment by the College Board, which is Platinum, and remains in good standing with the ESSA Accountability Designations.

2024-2025 Budget Draft Overview Presentation

• Superintendent of Schools Tony Sinanis and Assistant Superintendent for Business Lisa Rutkoske gave an overview presentation of the first draft of the 2024-2025 Budget, which included a proposed increase of 5.2% over 2023-2024, a proposed tax levy increase of 2.38% (tax levy cap) over 2023-24. The 7 year average tax levy increase is 1.78%. The Budget Proposal will continue to be developed in the coming months, leading up to the Budget Hearing on May 9th and vote on May 21st. See the livestream recording linked below for full details on the budget presentation.

The Board proceeded to vote on and approve all new business. For a full list of items, [please see the full agenda by clicking here.](#)

• The Board Meeting is available in its entirety at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNnA8_x6QJA

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 7th, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Center Street Elementary School.