

Dear West Deptford School Community,

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits after a joyous holiday season. As we welcome the new year with open hearts, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a happy and prosperous 2024 to each and every member of our incredible school community.

Attached to this email:

1. <u>Board Highlights - please click here to</u> <u>view Highlights</u>

The start of a new year brings with it a sense of renewed energy and enthusiasm, and we are excited to embark on this journey with all of you. Our school district has always thrived on collaboration and a pursuit to academic excellence, and we are confident that 2024 will be no exception.

<u>Academic Success and School</u> <u>Attendance</u>: As we step into the new year, we want to emphasize the importance of academic success and regular school attendance. Your dedication to your education is the key to unlocking a world of opportunities, and we encourage both students and parents to remain engaged and invested in the learning process. Together, we can create an environment that fosters growth, curiosity, and a lifelong love for learning.

<u>Board of Education Meetings:</u> We are thrilled to announce a change in the schedule for our Board of Education meetings. Starting this year, our BOE meetings will now be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30pm. We believe that this adjustment will make it more convenient for our community members to participate and stay informed about the decisions that shape our school district. Please click the link to view the approved 2024 <u>BOE</u> <u>meeting</u> schedule.

<u>Scheduled In-Service Day and Reminder</u> <u>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</u>: Today's Teacher In-Service was another great professional development day for our staff members. This day provides our dedicated educators with an opportunity for professional development to enhance their skills and enrich the educational experience for our students. Additionally, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr., there will be no school on Monday, January 15th. We encourage our community to take this time to reflect on the values of equality, justice, and unity that Dr. King advocated for. As we navigate the challenges and celebrate the triumphs of the upcoming year, let us do so together with a shared commitment to the success and wellbeing of our students. We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to achieving great things as one united West Deptford community. Wishing you all a fantastic new year filled with growth, joy, and success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian C. Gismondi, Superintendent West Deptford School District

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