Superintendent’s Update
Board of Education Meeting
September 14, 2023

Dr. Aurelia Henriquez, Superintendent
Michael Dowd- Safety and Security Coordinator
Chris Blackwell- Altaris Consultant
Superintendent’s Conference Day - Opening Day

We are RAM NATION

In a gentle way you can shake the world.
Goals 2023-2024

Goal 1 - Increase Student Outcomes Through Multiple Pathways and A Data Informed Culture
Utilize data, research, experience, and collaboration to inform instruction and strategic planning. Openly share data, discussions, and goals to improve academic rigor and performance Pre-K-12. Create a culture of student agency, where all students are exposed to multiple college and career opportunities.

Goal 2 - Improve Communication and Community Engagement By Fostering A Sense of Empathy, Community Connectedness, and Pride in Ram Nation
Utilize multiple platforms and outlets to broadcast important information while publicly celebrating and highlighting our students, staff, and district’s accomplishments. Collaborate and be inclusive more often to allow for meaningful discourse with key stakeholders to increase community engagement. Include opportunity for student voice. Ensure that students, families, and district staff engage in meaningful and authentic interactions with a focus on mindfulness and mental health supports. Forge and sustain community partnerships to expand opportunities for students. Create District-wide opportunities for students and families to celebrate Port Chester Pride and a sense of “Ramily”.

Goal 3 - Engage in Strategic Planning for Fiscal Responsibilities and Facilities
Collaborate for strategic planning to safeguard fiscal stability. Take a proactive approach to improve and maintain safe schools and well-maintained facilities and grounds that our community can be proud of. Review of facilities, budget, and operations for long-term planning purposes.

*Please see specific targets in our Strategic Plan which is posted on the District’s website.
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Safety and Security Updates

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Phase 1 – Video Surveillance Upgrade

• We are in the process of replacing our current end of life servers with (7) Hybrid Video Recording Servers w/ Analytic capabilities and Software.

• These new servers will optimize and enhance the district's existing 379 cameras and 14 exterior door intercom cameras.

• Walkthrough/assessments have been completed throughout the District. Based on these assessments, new servers for all of our schools have been ordered. Installation will begin as soon as the servers are on-site.
Phase 2 – Access Control Conversion
Badge Printing at HS & MS

• Walkthrough/assessments have been completed. Parts are currently being ordered and installation will begin once the parts have been received.

• In addition, new ID printers are being ordered. Once received, all employees of the district will be issued a new “smart” ID card to replace their existing ID. This new “smart” ID will also act as their key Fob.
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- All existing doors with existing key fob access control will be replaced with new readers, door contacts, and request to exit sensors.

- New software will be integrated directly with the video system. This will allow us the capacity to bring in more doors if necessary.
New Security Guard Company

- A new Security Guard company has been hired by the district - KH Briger
- KH Briger is in many districts in Westchester County and come highly recommended (Rye, Dobbs Ferry, Eastchester, Somers, Byram Hills)
- All Guards and hall monitors received training on Sept 6, 2023.
- This training included the following:
  - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Uniforms- worn at all time and in good condition
  - De-escalation and Crisis Intervention
  - Use of personal devices
  - New District Visitor Policy and Screening Procedure
- Raptor Visitor Screening and Management System- All guards and hall monitors, as well as other identified staff will be receiving training in the use of the Raptor system. Once all have been trained, we will begin using the system.
New Security Workstations

Security guard workstations have been installed in all of our facilities. These stations contain the following:

- Computer
- VOIP Phone
- Raptor Screening System
- Door access control system
Thank you!