

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CHATHAMS

Note from the Superintendent

January 2018

Student Well-Being

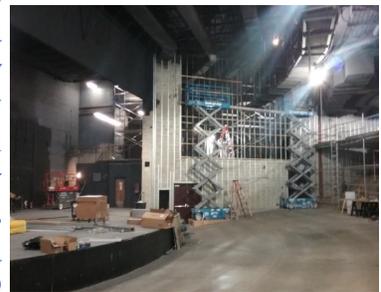
As a school district we endeavor to build learning environments that support student well-being. We will hold an open Curriculum Committee meeting in the Township Municipal Building on **Monday, February 5, at 6:30 pm** to highlight current patterns and issues involving student well-being. Our student assistance counselors, Lisa Lattarulo and Alex Emr, will share information about substance use, mental health, suicide prevention, and other matters that they routinely address with students. We invite you to hear what they have to say! If you are unable to attend, you may find more information on [this page of our website](#).

'Tis Still the Season

We have had two school closings due to inclement weather so far this year. There are two more days remaining in our calendar that have been “built in” to account for snow days. Should we be forced to close schools more than those two times over the course of the rest of the winter, we will make up the time during our spring break, which takes place April 2—6, and we will begin with converting April 6 to a day of school. This will hopefully not be necessary, but I wanted to remind you of the possibility sooner rather than later.

Construction

The various construction projects approved in the 2016 referendum are advancing. The high school auditorium (pictured right) has been gutted and is in the process of being fully renovated. At Chatham Middle School, the footings for the new addition have been poured and the contractor is working on completing the foundation. At Milton Avenue School (below left), the foundation work is complete and the steel framing is being installed. All of these projects are scheduled to be finished by September so that the facilities may be used for the 2018/2019 school year. Once the high school auditorium is completed, the



renovation of the middle school auditorium will begin, with an anticipated completion date by September 2019. In addition to the referendum projects, the water management system for the new administrative addition behind the high school has been built and the footings for the addition are about to be poured.



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