



"Moving from a system of Schools to a SCHOOL SYSTEM"

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

April 22, 2015

Superintendent of Schools, Larry Licopoli, Ph.D.

1.0 Administrative Professional Day: April 22, 2015

A special thank you for all of our secretaries and clerks who help us in countless ways making our difficult work look easy. Your steady hands, keeping "us" organized and working with our families and children are simply invaluable.

Thank you.

2.0 Board of Education Adopts 2015-2016 Educational Plan and Budget

Please see [this](#) revised PowerPoint for details.

- Last evening the Board approved an \$81,890,784 spending plan that, if voter approved, will add over 25 new positions to our school district. This plan includes everything from lowering primary class size to additional support and more choices for students, all which are detailed in the PowerPoint above.
- Supporting this budget is a K-5 transportation proposition, not to exceed \$1,765,000 and enabling us to continue the Princeton Plan at the Elementary Level if approved by the voters. If this proposition fails, the District will most likely need to return to K-5 neighborhood schools because we will not have transportation services available for students.
- I want to acknowledge Board Members Maria Pereira and Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon (on behalf of the Board) who worked closely with me and Dr. Fine in lobbying for unprecedented increases in State Aid. We did not anticipate that we would be successful to the extent that we would receive an additional \$2.5 million dollars in aid above what was expected. All of the new programs and services being proposed are a direct result of these lobbying efforts.

3.0 Curriculum & Instruction and Assessment Proposals

- The CIA Committee will be reviewing the following CIA proposals at the May and June Workshop Meetings of the Board of Education:
 - Elementary transition and Developmental Kindergarten Programs
 - Middle School Acceleration

- High School:
 - African Diaspora
 - Art Sequence
 - CAPP
 - Music
 - Science

4.0. Presentation of the 2015-2016 Educational Plan and Budget

- By Friday, I will be forwarding you a schedule indicating the dates and times that the Educational Plan and Budget will be presented to faculty and staff during the week of April 27.