



# Smithtown Central School District

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Dear Smithtown School Community,

I hope you and your loved ones are enjoying the summer and everything that makes this time of year so special. While there are several weeks left before the 2022-2023 school year begins, I felt this would be a good opportunity to share some of the important work that goes on at this time of the year. In addition to the supervision and support of the summer programs we offer, we are busy finalizing the work associated with our preparation for the 2022-2023 school year.

As we prepare our buildings for the new school year, we have been informed that several school age children have been behaving inappropriately on school district property, including climbing onto school roofs. This type of behavior creates a significant safety concern and we will work with our security team and the Suffolk County Police Department to investigate these reports and limit future incidents. Please discuss the importance of safe decision making with your children, both on and off school grounds.

In preparation for the school year, the district is actively working on goal setting and the process with which we gauge our progress. This is important work as we seek to align our collective efforts with goals set by the Board of Education as well as goals identified by our soon to be released Strategic Plan. We will also be mapping out the schedule of presentations that will be made at next year's Board of Education meetings. I feel these are valuable opportunities for the Board and the community to get a better understanding of the depth involved in our work. On the financial front, the summer period is when we "close the books," and finalize all 2021-22 expenditures, revenues, transfers, etc. During the summer, we are also busy preparing bid specifications and contracts for our Phase 1 Bond projects as they receive final approvals from the New York State Education Department. We have also been busy finalizing the staffing for the 2022-2023 school year in order to ensure that we fill all remaining vacancies prior to September and welcome our new staff to the Smithtown team!

To summarize, the summer provides us with a chance to both reflect and plan for the future. It is a very valuable opportunity which was significantly impacted the last few years due to the planning that was necessitated by the pandemic. We are grateful for this summer's opportunity to embrace this work fully and very much look forward to welcoming our students back to school this September.

Sincerely,

Mark Secaur, Ed. D.  
Superintendent