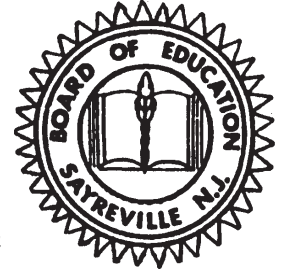


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## WELCOME BACK!

The Sayreville Board of Education would like to welcome students, parents, faculty, and staff back to a new and exciting school year! Indeed, there is much to be excited about. We also extend a warm welcome to our new staff members and thank you for sharing your talents and love of learning with Sayreville's children.

Special thanks also go to our custodial and maintenance staff for their work over the summer months in getting our schools ready for the upcoming school year. In addition to the standard cleaning and reconditioning of our facilities, several major projects were completed including the reconditioning of the high school auditorium, which will be completed in time for the fall drama, as well as the replacement of the Emma L. Arleth School roof.

For other information about what is happening in the Sayreville Public Schools throughout the year, you are encouraged to visit our district's website at <http://www.sayrevillek12.net>.

Along with a new school year also comes a new sports season. The Board of Education encourages you to attend our various fall sports events to support our teams. Go Bombers ... Go Big Blue!!

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We wish everyone much success in the upcoming months!

The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates those who are at the

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**EMMA L. ARLETH SCHOOL  
HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOOL  
SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Congratulations to three of our District schools for winning the 2010 Character Education Promising Practice Awards this year. Emma L. Arleth Elementary School won for "Sayreville Steps up;" Harry S. Truman Elementary School won for "Truman Talks TV Show;" and Sayreville War Memorial High School won for their "Wall of Honor." Thank you to the Character Education Coordinators, Mrs. Phyllis Illions in Arleth and Truman School and Miss Kelly Nakielny in the high school along with the administrators, faculty, staff, students, and parents who have worked hard to create such innovative programs and practices.

**MRS. JAMIE ALLEN  
MRS. KAREN BRYAN  
MRS. KELLY CIBRIAN  
MISS. JENNIFER COYNE  
MRS. CARRIE GAMMOH  
MISS CHRISTINE LAWLOR  
MS. KERRY LAWSON  
MRS. APRIL MAGISTRO  
MRS. JULIA MCKENNA  
MRS. BARBARA PARILLO  
MRS. LYNN PORPORA  
MISS COLLEEN REAGAN  
MRS. PAMELA SCHLECK  
MISS SUSAN STEINHARDT  
MRS. AMY STUEBER  
MRS. ADRIENNE VISONE**

Congratulations to the 16 Wilson School teachers who took the Principal's 21st Century Teaching Challenge and developed lessons containing the 6 Rs of 21st Century Learning: Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic, Reasoning, Resilience, and Responsibility. The lesson also had to include a technology component. The teachers were honored at a formal tea on June 22nd where they received their certificates as well as a gift card to either Barnes and Noble or Staples.

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## DEAR BOARD MEMBERS . . .

As we begin a new school year, parents and residents should know that members of the Sayreville Board of Education are always available to discuss your concerns and opportunities to improve the overall long range vision and educational strategy of the district. As elected leaders, we are charged with the responsibility to see that the schools are well-run, in that they offer an effective opportunity for 21st century learning for your children while at the same time maximizing the value of your tax dollars.

It is important to note that state law prohibits board members, who are unpaid volunteers, from getting involved in the day to day management of the schools. That is a task that is delegated to state certificated educators and administrators. With this important distinction in mind, we encourage parents who may have a concern or with their child such as homework, discipline, or extracurricular issues, to discuss that matter **first** with your child's teacher or coach and then with the School Principal. Such an approach will ensure that your particular concern is addressed promptly and effectively, without having to wait for the next Board of Education meeting or e-mails and other correspondence to be forwarded through various levels.

Our teachers, coaches, support professionals, and administrators stand ready and willing to make the most of everything the 2010-11 school year has to offer your child!