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Clinton Board of Education Updates & Information – May 2018

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

- Mr. Joe Macrino will be leaving his position at Joel School as of June 30th to become the Principal of Oswegatchie Elementary School in Waterford, CT. Joe has contributed so much to the Joel school community and has brought about important changes in school culture and climate, as well as improvements in schoolwide instructional practices and early childhood experiences in our Pre-K program development. We wish him the best in his new leadership position.
- Mrs. Claudia Norman has announced her retirement from Joel School as of June 30th. Claudia has served the district as Principal of Joel School since the 2006-07 school year. She has provided outstanding leadership and has worked to establish a school that has been recognized for its academic achievement, community outreach, student leadership, and positive school climate. We are thankful for her tireless commitment to our district and to her school, and hope that she finds fulfillment and happiness in retirement.
- I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Angela Guarascio will be transitioning from Principal of Pierson School to become the new Principal of Joel School. The transition process will occur this summer, and efforts will be focused on hiring for an assistant principal for Joel School and a new principal at Pierson School.
- Pierson and Joel staffs are strong, experienced, and are stellar examples of professional learning communities. I know they will help navigate the change that we are experiencing and ensure a smooth transition at both schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CHANGES

- The Board of Education is also experiencing transition in its membership. Board member Todd Pozefsky, who had served for a year and a half has resigned his position. We are thankful for his service to the board and appreciate the commitment he demonstrated and the insight he provided related to the work of the Board.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Survey

- At the May 7, 2018 Board of Education meeting, the Board reviewed the summary and analysis of the Strategic Planning Survey results. The response to the survey was strong with 242 parents and 199 staff completing the survey and providing feedback. A summary [overview of the results](#) and a [response analysis](#) was provided and discussed. Next steps in the process involve incorporating the information gleaned from the survey questions and open responses received into specific initiatives and action steps that will guide the work for the next several years. These will then be reviewed by stakeholders, the staff, and the Board of Education prior to adoption of a Strategic Plan in August 2018.

Facilities

- On May 21, 2018, the newly established Clinton Community Committee on Facility Needs will hold their first meeting. This committee has been established by the Board of Education to evaluate district facilities in the light of declining enrollment, as well as in consideration of present and future programming needs and budgetary constraints. The committee will meet monthly to review district factors such as projected enrollment, educational programming, grade configurations, facility maintenance and capital improvement needs, operational costs, and community considerations. The committee will serve in an evaluative and advisory capacity and intends to provide recommendations for the Board of Education's consideration in the fall of 2018.