

February 2018

Dear Catskill CSD Community,

With February upon us, our weather is very unpredictable. The Catskill Central School District strives to do its best to stay up-to-date on all weather forecasts. I realize that delays and cancellations may have an adverse effect on your work schedules, but I want to ensure you that all decisions are aligned to the safety of our students and staff. Our inclement weather procedures can be found in my December 2017 newsletter, located on the District's website. We will continue to communicate all inclement weather decisions to you as quickly as possible, so that alternative arrangements can be made for your children.

As we begin the second semester, if you should notice your child struggling or have concerns, please contact your child's teacher and / or principal. Many of our teachers provide additional support to students before school, after school and / or during your child's lunch period.

Our Winter Athletic Season is concluding and as expected, our student-athletes did an outstanding job. Our Bowling and Wrestling teams are Patroon Champs. We also anticipate that our Varsity Boys Basketball team will have the same distinction before the end of the month. Congratulations to all of our athletic teams! I have personally observed their hard work and effort, while attending many of the home and away contests.

Budget season is also upon us. The next few Board of Education Meetings are dedicated to the preparation of the recommended budget for the 2018-19 school year. My team and I are committed to offering students a high-quality curriculum in a safe and secure learning environment.

The New York State Department of Education recently released our graduation rate for the 2016-17 school year. I am proud to announce that our graduation rate is at 90%. This is attributed to our dedicated staff, your commitment as a parent and our most precious asset, your children.

Lastly, the District will be closed for Winter Recess from Monday, February 19 through Friday, February 23, 2018. School will reopen on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ronel Cook

Superintendent of Schools