

**Welcome to Board Briefs, in which we summarize key agenda items from prior Board of Education meetings and address topics that were brought to the Board's attention. Full meeting minutes are typically not available until reviewed and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting, but we hope that this summary of key items from the previous meeting will 'keep you in touch' with the notable actions of the Board. As always, our community is encouraged to attend our meetings. We welcome your questions and comments.**

March 2, 2017 Board of Education Meeting

### **Engineering Course Added at PVC**

The Board of Education approved a new engineering course offering at Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School. The course is part of the Project Lead the Way Gateway Program for middle schools. It is anticipated that one section will be offered at the eighth-grade level.

### **Update on Task Force on Prominent Issues in Society**

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Deborah O'Connell updated the Board of Education on the work being carried out by the Task Force on Prominent Issues in Society. The task force is currently developing relevant programs, examining existing policies and the Code of Conduct, cultivating parent resources and researching ways to enhance district curricula.

The task force will present the documentary "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age" on Thursday, March 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and a parent talk titled "Talking with Teens Openly About Consent, Sex and Healthy Relationships" with representatives from My Sisters' Place on Thursday, March 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. Both events will be held in the Croton-Harmon High School auditorium.

### **Budget Saturday Reminder**

The annual Budget Saturday will be held on March 11, beginning at 7:45 a.m. Community members are encouraged to stop by and hear from different school and department administrators as they present their budget proposals for the 2017-18 school year. More information and the day's agenda are on the district website, [www.chufsd.org](http://www.chufsd.org).

### **Capital Projects Update**

Assistant Superintendent Diane Chaisan informed the Board of Education that the capital projects schedule is on track. It is anticipated that the HVAC work at Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School will begin in June 2018.

### **2017-18 Calendar Adjustment**

The Board of Education agreed to add two half days to the calendar in the spring of 2018 at CET. This will afford teachers an opportunity to participate in the professional development day in the spring with the rest of the district faculty.

### **Access to a Safe Educational Environment Resolution Passes**

The Board passed a resolution titled "Access to a Safe Educational Environment for all Students and Families Regardless of Race, Gender or Immigration Status." The full resolution can be found on the agenda and on the district website.

*The Board of Education will meet for a work session on Thursday, March 16, 2017.*

*The Board of Education's next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017.*