

To: Board Members
From: Steve Vigliotti
Re: Dashboard Report (formerly known as Friday Notes)
Date: October 2, 2015

- This week I attended training and meetings in Albany. The new SED Commissioner, MaryEllen Elia spoke to the entire superintendent group. This was my first opportunity to hear her and I was very excited about learning what her plans were moving forward. Unfortunately, I was underwhelmed and instead of hearing a concise and cogent plan she appeared nervous and uneasy. Her comments surrounding APPR were confusing as she advocated for change in the system and then proceeded to inform the group that applying for and receiving a waiver would be an onerous task. My question was we had a “purple” paper outlining changes and then we received a revised “blue” paper with changes and now there will be more changes? Also, we are charged to negotiate now will we have to renegotiate when these new changes are made? Many questions, little direction.
- I have talked with Dr. William Silky regarding the facilitation of our community-based committee to review building conditions and organization. I will be meeting with him this Friday to continue discussions. It is my hope that he can meet with the Board in October to provide an overview of the work to be done.
- I have attached a copy of the Rural School District Associations September Newsletter for your review.
- Negotiations with the Service Union continue and are making progress. I will provide an update on October 12.
- The NYS Comptroller is here and continues to analyze school records. We expect to be informed next week the specific area of concentration for their review.
- The next Policy Committee meeting will be at 5:30 PM on November 10 (USMC Birthday), in the DO conference room. Copies of policies will be available at our next meeting.
- The Strategic Action Committees are beginning to fill out but we still need additional teachers for the Team Committee. Principals will be contacting teachers in an effort to fortify that group.
- We will be meeting on October 27th at 6:00 PM in order to view presentations from 3 architectural firms. We will be providing some sample questions for your review at our next meeting.

- Mickie LaPlacca has decided to retire at the end of December. She has served the NRW District for 20 years and has worked diligently in her capacity as a secretary and Board Clerk.

Based on her decision, we will be reorganizing the district office over the next several months with changes to go into effect in January. I will provide information to the Board as soon as it becomes available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ed or me. Enjoy your weekend.