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Dear Whitney Point Community,

It was a great start to the school year and it is hard to believe we are already looking forward to the end of the first quarter!

Two weeks before school started we were excited to hear that the district was awarded a New York state grant to fund full-day Universal Pre-K. With a lot of hard work and collaboration with our partners at the Whitney Point Preschool & Daycare and Opportunities for Broome, 78 preschoolers started school right on time! We are one of just a few schools in our area that are able to offer this full-day educational experience to our three and four year olds.

We are trying something new on the parent conference days of November 14 and 21. These days have traditionally been half days for the whole district. This year, only the Caryl E. Adams School and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy will be in session half days and the high school will be in session full days. This will provide an opportunity for students in the high school to engage in their full academic schedule and also allow the parents of younger students to meet with teachers to discuss their children's progress.

We are very excited about the 2016 Capital Project going to public vote on December 9, 2014. The stewardship of our schools and the health and safety of our students continue to be a priority at the Whitney Point Central School District. In this project, we will continue to update and repair many areas of the district including classrooms, roofs and electrical service. The project scope will also allow us to meet New York State Education Department safety guidelines by creating a designated bus loop and student drop-off areas for the CEA and high school, eliminating the cross-over of vehicle, bus and pedestrian traffic.

A newsletter has been sent out to homes describing the project in more detail with funding information and a timeline for implementation. You can also find a copy of the newsletter on our website: www.wpcsd.org. On the front page of the newsletter, you will see a concept design for a new building at Tymeson Field that includes a ticket booth, concession stand and restroom facilities. This building is the first step in a master plan to improve the Tymeson Field area. The NYS Education Department regulates the timing, amount of aid and types of projects that can be funded. Due to funding constraints, we carefully prioritize project scopes to maximize available funding and assure a safe and appropriate educational setting for our students.

Information sessions for the 2016 Capital Project will be held at 6 p.m. in the high school library on November 19 and December 1. The project manager and architects will be present to provide more detailed information and answer questions. We hope you will come to one of these sessions to see what we have planned for this and future projects.

You may have noticed a 2014 census form inserted in your newsletter. The census will assist us with future planning and mailing list accuracy. The census is also available in digital format on the main page of our website. We ask that each household take the time to complete the census and return paper copies by mail or submit digital copies online. The census is due by December 31, 2014.

Thank you for your continued support in educating our students!

Sincerely,
Patricia A. Follette
Superintendent

The Mission of the Whitney Point Central School District is to provide an excellent education ensuring that all children maximize their potential, become contributing citizens, and pursue lifelong learning.