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Superintendent of Schools

J. Scott Cascone, Ed. D.

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Dear West Orange Public School Community,

I hope this finds you well. I am happy to report that our first week implementing the mask optional policy went very well. In my visits to the schools, I can't tell you how proud of the manner in which our students and staff adjusted. My observations and the feedback I have received indicated that our students were respectful and considerate of each other's choices and for this I thank and commend them.

I am happy to report that the Superintendent transition planning is ongoing and has been proceeding very well. I will participate in my last board meeting as your Superintendent of Schools on Monday, March 14 with my last day in the district on March 15. I have complete confidence that this transition in leadership will occur seamlessly and with the highest level of efficacy.

Beginning this school year, **all high school juniors are required to take the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)**. New state regulations require all students to demonstrate proficiency by achieving a passing score on the English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics components of the NJGPA. Students who complete the NJGPA, but do not receive a passing score, will have the opportunity to utilize the menu of alternative assessments, or complete a portfolio appeal; however they **MUST** take the NJGPA to be eligible for the alternative assessments. Complete graduation assessment requirements can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/requirements/>.

The NJGPA will be administered to juniors at West Orange High School on **March 14 and 15** (English/Language Arts units) and **March 16 and 17** (Mathematics units). Each unit is 90 minutes in length. The schedule for the testing dates has been shared with the students.

**WOBOE Meeting Monday, March 14:** the public session begins at 7:30PM. The meeting is live and in-person and can also be viewed on the [district YouTube channel](#). The Board invites anyone unable to attend in person to submit questions on both agenda and non-agenda items utilizing the Google form which is activated Friday evening and closes at 4pm the day of the meeting. The following link will take you to a landing page at which you may obtain access to the form, as well as the instructions for viewing the live stream option. [BOE Meeting Information](#).

**Reminder: March 16 at 7pm: Building Bridges Between Home, Community, and School**

Public Link: <https://woboe-org.zoom.us/j/88673944261?pwd=TkZlWDJlZVNOZGVVRzmxLaHJqTzlmZz09>

Webinar ID: 886 7394 4261

Passcode: 004105

This is the final edition of the 3-part series conducted by Dr. Jared Scherz and [TEACHER COACH](#) available for all parents, guardians, and caregivers.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration and wish you a restful weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Cascone".

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