Superintendent's Update

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. MOCCIO...

2023-2024 School Calendar

At the Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023, the 2023-2024 School Calendar was approved. The calendar has been added to the district website and can be accessed through this link – <u>School Calendar</u>.

Effective next school year, the following changes will be implemented:

- On days when the 23-24 school calendar indicates an **early dismissal**, AM and PM pre-kindergarten students will attend on an alternating schedule. The new alternating schedule will balance the number of school days missed by students attending the PM prekindergarten session. A color key is located at the bottom of the 23-24 school calendar.
- The district will be shifting to a single dismissal time for <u>all</u> early release days (professional development, the day before a holiday or vacation, and parent-teachers conferences). The early release schedule for <u>next year</u> is, as follows:

Stafford Middle School	10:50 a.m.
Stafford High School	11:05 a.m.
Stafford Elementary School	12:00 p.m.
West Stafford School	12:00 p.m.

An updated copy of school hours can be found here – <u>School Hours</u>.

2023-2024 Budget Update

Following the Board of Education meeting on Monday, February 27th, an updated budget was prepared. I'd like to thank the staff and parents that shared their opinion and perspective at the meeting. The following links will detail a budget that reflects a 6.97% increase:

- <u>2023-2024 Budget Summary</u>
- <u>2023-2024 Budget Adjustments to 6.97%</u>.

The Board of Education will present this unapproved budget to the Board of Finance at 6:30 p.m., in the SES Cafetorium, on March 13th.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 *Professional Development Early Dismissal*

Monday, March 13, 2023 Grade PreK – 5 Conferences Shortened Day

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Board of Finance Meeting (Board of Education Budget Presentation) Stafford Elementary School Cafetorium 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2023 Grade PreK – 5 Conferences Shortened Day

Monday, March 20, 2023

Board of Education Meeting Stafford Elementary School Cafetorium 6:30 p.m.

All Board of Education meeting agendas, back-up material, and minutes can be found on the "Upcoming Events" calendar of the district website.

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

Thomas Edison

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