

West Islip School District
Education Committee Meeting Agenda
April 2, 2020
7:15 p.m.

Education Committee Members

Mr. Richard Antonello, Mrs. Bernadette Burns, Mrs. Annmarie LaRosa, Mr. Peter McCann,
Mrs. Dawn Morrison

Agenda

I. Continuity of Instruction Plan

Phase 2 of the Continuity of Instruction Plan started today. A copy of the plan was provided to all teachers and reviewed with them by their respective administrators. A guidance document outlining the plan for parents and students was posted to the District website..

The expectation for students to engage in daily learning experiences and to complete the assignments provided to them is emphasized in the plan. Mechanisms are in place on the technology platforms utilized that provide information to teachers related to student access to and usage of the various resources.

The administrative team is in daily contact with teachers in regard to the implementation of the plan, which will be periodically reviewed to ensure its effectiveness. Appropriate adjustments will be made if necessary.

II. NYSED Participation Rate Status Report

As required by the State approved Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the New York State Education Department posted the Participation Rate Status Report for all school districts.

Manetuck and Oquenock elementary schools and Beach Street Middle School have been identified as having participation rates on the state tests in the bottom 10% of the state.

This means that the building principals must create a Participation Rate Improvement Plan that delineates how they plan to increase the testing participation rate for the 2020-2021 school year. The plan was originally due for submission to the New York State Education Department on May 1. However, due to the current circumstances, the deadline has been extended.

The principals were provided with the information to complete the plans for their buildings. The plan for each building will be submitted to the Board of Education for approval prior to submission to the New York State Education Department.

It should be noted that Bayview and Paul J. Bellew elementary school and Udall Road Middle School have been flagged also, and are in jeopardy of being officially on the list next year.

Throughout any given school year, our teachers and students invest significant effort in regard to the acquisition and application of their respective grade-level standards. The information yielded from the results of state assessments assists the teachers with ensuring that students receive the academic support necessary for their ongoing educational growth, and provides insights as to the effectiveness of our instructional programs. For the 2020-2021 school year we will work as a District to re-engage our students with the assessment process for the aforementioned purposes.