April 23, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to share several important pieces of information with you.

First, we will use our remaining emergency closing day on Friday, June 18th. There will be no instruction for students on June 18th and the offices will be operating on a recess day schedule.

The Pine Plains Central School District is proposing a capital project for all three of our school buildings. You should have received a brochure detailing the necessary work, the cost of the project and how it will be financed. Briefly, the project involves roof work, masonry repair, asbestos removal, boiler replacement and replacement of a gymnasium floor. The cost of the project is about $7.7 million, which will be financed through state building aid, capital reserves and possible short-term borrowing. Depending on the fund balance left from this year’s budget, borrowing may not be necessary at all. The vote on the project will be held on May 18th from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm along with the school budget vote and the election of three (3) Board members. Please direct any questions regarding this project to either me, or the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance, Mr. Michael Goldbeck.

We were very excited to learn that the federal USDA will be extending free breakfasts and lunches to all of our students through June of 2022. There will be more details to come as we learn them.

Finally, we have tentatively scheduled a Pfizer vaccine clinic at the Stissing Mountain Jr. Sr. HS on Sunday, May 2nd from noon until 2:00 pm. The same provider who facilitated the event at Poughkeepsie High School last Saturday is conducting this clinic. The clinic will be open to anyone age 16 and older. A parent or guardian must accompany 16 and 17 year olds. We will be forwarding the link for appointments, once we receive it from the provider. Appointments are required so the provider can plan for the number of doses needed.

We will continue to update you as events take place that affect our schools.

As always, be well and stay safe.

Dr. Martin D. Handler
Superintendent