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Board of Education

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Paul Daubel, Trustee
Michael Higgins, Trustee
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Ledy Torres, Trustee

Your Board of Education in Copiague is composed of seven citizens elected to serve overlapping terms of three years each. At the end of the term, a Board member wishing to continue this unsalaried service to the community must be reelected to an additional three-year term. State law does not limit the number of terms a member may serve.

Board Meetings

The Board of Education meets in open public session, usually on Monday evenings throughout the school year in the board room of the Everett E. Newman III administration offices/middle school at 7:00 p.m. The schedule is published in the District newsletter, on the District website and in local newspapers. The public will be notified of any changes in the Board of Education meeting schedule that may require cancellations and/or special meetings.

Board Meeting Agenda

Meetings of the Board of Education follow a standard agenda. The agenda includes the opening exercises, attendance, and items for Board action and consideration, including the approval of minutes from the previous meeting, appointments of personnel, termination of personnel and any other necessary business.

The agenda also includes items of information such as student enrollment



Seated (from left): Rosemary Natoli (trustee); Brian J. Sales (second vice president); Kenneth Urban (president); Paul Daubel (trustee). Standing (from left): Ledy Torres (trustee); Michael Higgins (trustee); and Anthony S. Pepe (first vice president).

reports from various schools, internal claim auditor's reports, treasurer's reports, and any other information regarding student, faculty, staff or community activities.

The last section of the agenda consists of correspondence, communications, announcements, unfinished business, new business, voice of the Board and voice of the people. The agenda for each scheduled Board meeting is posted to the website on the morning of the meeting.

The Board's primary function is decision-making. It welcomes the sentiments of the public to assist in making decisions in an equitable manner. If a resident has a question about the operation of the schools or about his or her child, he or she is encouraged to first contact the child's teacher or the principal who is closest to the situation. If necessary, the parent may then contact a central office administrator, the Superintendent of Schools, and finally the Board of Education. Experience has shown that this is the best procedure to follow in that the resident will obtain the information he or she desires directly. However, any resident is free to comment on any matter with the Board of Education that he or she deems important at an open meeting. Executive sessions are normally held immediately after each Board meeting to discuss legal matters, personnel, and student matters.

Central Administration 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY 11726 phone: 631-842-4015

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Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Todd J. Andrews

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

PTA Organizations

The Copiague School District is fortunate to have six active PTA committees that are governed by the PTA Council. These organizations, composed of dedicated parents and community members who volunteer their time, help provide many of the special programs and activities offered in each school through various community-based and fundraising events.

PTA Council	. Bianca Ordonez
Deauville Gardens East	. Stephanie Spinelli
Deauville Gardens West	. Eliana Boyd
Great Neck Road	. Leslie Reina
Susan E. Wiley	. Lisa Ruggiero
Middle School	. LaShawn Lewis
High School (PTSA)	. Mary Sotomayor

Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School 1100 Dixon Avenue phone: 631-842-4010 School Hours: 7:40 a.m. to 2:23 p.m. Joseph M. Agosta, Principal Jonathan Cutolo, Assistant Principal Kristin Donnelly, Assistant Principal Janine Proulx, Assistant Principal

Copiague Middle School
2650 Great Neck Road
phone: 631-842-4011
School Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:47 p.m.
Andrew Lagnado, Principal
Krista Fee, Assistant Principal
Francis Salazar, Assistant Principal
Stephanie Valeiko, Assistant Principal

Deauville Gardens East Elementary School 100 Deauville Boulevard phone: 631-842-3320 School Hours: 9:05 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Joseph Buccello, Principal JeanAnn Crespo, Assistant Principal

Deauville Gardens West Elementary School 100 Deauville Boulevard phone: 631-842-4012 School Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. Kristina Biamonte, Principal Diana Tonne, Assistant Principal

Great Neck Road Elementary School 1400 Great Neck Road phone: 631-842-4013 School Hours: 9:05 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tamika Eason, Principal Nicole Dunne, Assistant Principal

Susan E. Wiley Elementary School 365 Scudder Avenue phone: 631-842-4014 School Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. Cynthia Florio, Principal Nicole Castronovo, Assistant Principal

Emergency Procedures

The following procedures will be utilized in the case of any emergency or weather-related condition. Any change in school hours will be broadcast on our automated telephone communications system and via email if you are registered. Also, you may check the district website for any changes at www.copiague.k12.ny.us.

Inclement Weather Dismissal

When the weather is such that conditions deteriorate throughout the morning, the Copiague schools may dismiss as follows:

Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School	1:30 p.m.
Copiague Middle School	2:10 p.m.
Deauville Gardens East - K-5	3:05 p.m.
Deauville Gardens West - K-5	
Great Neck Road - K-5	3:05 p.m.
Susan E. Wiley - grades K-5	

This schedule will allow the earlier bus runs additional time for the completion of their routes and will ensure that elementary dismissals will not be delayed. The plan will enable elementary students to arrive at home as close to their regularly scheduled time as possible.

The district will notify radio and television stations of the change in schedule, as well as any evening cancellations.

Emergency School Closings

In the event that it becomes necessary to close the schools because of inclement weather or an emergency situation, a districtwide automated telephone call will be made to all parents and staff. In addition, the following radio and television stations and website will broadcast the closing of our schools.

News 12 Long Island • Verizon Fios1 • WNBC-TV • WABC-TV • WHLI - 1100 AM • WCBS - 880 AM • WBAB - 102.3 FM • WALK - 97.5 FM • WALK - 1370 AM • WKJY - 98.3 FM • WBZO - 103.1 FM • WBLI - 106.1 FM • WMJC - 94.3 FM

Website: www.copiague.k12.ny.us

Delayed Opening

Delayed opening operational procedures:

- a. May delay opening of each school up to two hours later than regular time.
- b. Buses will pick up students up to two hours later than regular time.
- c. Dismissal time will not be affected by delayed openings; children will be dismissed at regular time.
- d. Delayed openings will be announced as outlined above.

Entrance Procedures

Residents over the age of 4 years, 9 months and under 21 years of age are entitled to attend Copiague Public Schools.

Children seeking admission to kindergarten must reach age 5 on or before Dec. 1 in order to be admitted to kindergarten the previous September. Children seeking admission to the first grade must have successfully completed a full year of kindergarten and must have attained the age of 6 on or before Dec. 1 of the school

year in which they seek admission, with the following exception:

A child who does not qualify on the basis of chronological age, but who has successfully completed a full year of kindergarten in a program that is duly registered with NYSED, may be admitted to the first grade if, on the basis of the results of a comprehensive evaluation administered by district personnel, the child is found to possess the prerequisite readiness skills for entrance into the first grade.

During the spring of each year, an incoming kindergarten registration is conducted. Parents of incoming kindergarten students are requested to register their children. During the first few months of school, Pupil Personnel Services staff conduct a

screening program for all students attending kindergarten.

All children must be immunized against diphtheria, measles, German measles (rubella), poliomyelitis, hepatitis B, mumps and chicken pox. Incoming kindergartners must also be immunized against pneumonia. Proof of immunizations must be furnished. The only exception is a valid medical exemption which must be reissued annually, identifying the immunization exempted, the medical contraindication for the exemption and the length of time immunization is contraindicated. In addition, a documented history of diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B and all three serotypes of poliomyelitis will be accepted.

Transportation Eligibility

For the 2023-2024 school year, all transportation eligibility requirements will be strictly enforced. To qualify for busing, students must meet the following criteria: grades K-6 must live more than 3/4 of a mile from school; grades 7-8 must live more than 1 mile from school; grades 9-12 must live more than 1 1/2 miles from school. Students who do not meet these criteria will not be permitted to use district transportation.

A new child care and/or medical transportation request must be submitted for each school year. Information is not carried over from year to year. September child care transportation request forms must be received by Aug. 1 to guarantee busing for the first day of school. Forms received after Aug. 1 will delay the start of transportation. Child care and other requests are to be considered only for complete weeks (Monday through Friday).

Please contact the Transportation Office at 631-842-4015, ext. 529, or at transportation ocopiague.net as soon as possible for a new application. These applications can also be downloaded from our website at www.copiague.ki2.ny.us.

Completed forms may be dropped off at the Administration Office, faxed to 631-841-4613, emailed to transportation@copiague.net, or mailed to Copiague Public Schools,

Transportation Office, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY 11726.

If a student needs to change a bus stop for any reason during the school year, please contact the Transportation Office in writing at least 72 hours prior to your requested start date. Also note that a request for a bus stop change due to a change in residency, within the district, must be accompanied by proof of your new address.

Private/Parochial School Transportation

Private and parochial transportation/textbook request forms must be submitted each school year on or before April 1. Forms are available on the District website, www.copiague.kl2.ny.us, and can be submitted directly from the website, emailed to transportation@copiague.net, faxed to 631-841-4613, dropped off at the Administration office, or mailed to Copiague Public Schools, Transportation Office, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY 11726. Please contact the Transportation Office at 631-842-4015, ext. 529, or at transportation@copiague.net if you have any questions.

New families who enroll students in schools other than Copiague must register with the Student Services office. Textbooks are **only available to students who register** with the

District.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

Unless objection to any of the specific items of information following submission in writing by parents or legal guardians, or by those students themselves who are 18 years of age and older, Copiague Public Schools herewith gives notice of intention to provide, release or publish in the Copiague newsletter, school or student newspapers, magazines, yearbooks or other publications, daily or weekly newspapers, television and other media, athletic programs, musical or theatrical programs, news releases, military recruiters and the Suffolk County Commissioner of Jurors, any and/or all of the following information pertaining to students as may be appropriate under the circumstances: name of student, names of parents/guardians, address, telephone listings, age, date and place of birth, height and weight, grade, major field of study, participation in recognized school activities, extracurricular activities, and sports programs, academic honors, achievements, awards, scholarships, photographs, enrollment status and similar information.

Under Title 34, U.S. Code, Part 99, Privacy Rights of Parents and Students, and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1975, parents who do not desire the release of any of the above directory information must make a specific request in writing to the Building Principal by Sept. 30, 2023. Failure to make such a request shall be deemed as consent to release, provide or publish the directory information during the school year.

Special Education

The district offers a full continuum of special education services at all grade levels for students who have been identified by the Committee on Special Education or the Committee on Preschool Special Education. New York State Special Education regulations and information about identifying children with special education needs are available at the Office of Student Services, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY 11726. Anyone with knowledge of or suspects a child has an educational disability, including those who attend private schools within the district's boundaries who have been identified, should contact Danielle Grandin, Director of Special Education, at 631-842-4015, ext. 564.

Title IX and Section 504 Notice

Copiague Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin or disability in the educational programs or activities it operates. It is required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), not to discriminate in such a manner. This policy of nondiscrimination includes the recruitment, employment and promotion of employees; salaries, pay and other benefits; counseling services to students; and student access to course offerings, educational programs, (including vocational educational opportunities) and other district-sponsored activities.

Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures should be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, Danielle Grandin, Copiague Public Schools and/ or the Section 504 Coordinator, Copiague Public Schools, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY 11726, 631-842-4015, ext. 564.

Título IX y aviso de la Sección 504

Copiague Públic Schools no discrimina por motivos de sexo, raza, color, origen nacional o discapacidad en los programas o actividades educativas que opera. Está obligado por el Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972, y por la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973 (según enmendada), a no discriminar de tal manera. Esta política de no discriminación incluye la contratación, el empleo y la promoción de empleados: sueldos, salarios y otras prestaciones; servicios de asesoramiento a estudiantes; y el acceso de los estudiantes a ofertas de cursos, programas educativos (incluidas las oportunidades de educación vocacional) y otras actividades patrocinadas por el distrito. Las consultas relacionadas con esta política de no discriminación y los procedimientos de quejas deben dirigirse a Coordinadora de Title IX Danielle Grandin, Escuela Pública de Copiague o la Sección 504 Coordinador, Escuela Pública de Copiague, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague NY 11726, 631-842-4015, ext. 520.

Students' Records

Copiague School District collects, records and maintains information regarding students' educational programs as required by New York State regulations. The sum total of this information is designated as the educational record. This record will be utilized to record the educational progress of each student.

All student records are open to inspection and review by the parent, or upon written authorization by the parent, to other agencies and/or individuals. A detailed Board of Education policy on student records is on file in the district office, all schools and the public library.

Questions concerning this policy may be referred to the Office of Student Services at 631-842-4015, ext. 520.

Child Protective Services

Do you suspect abuse or maltreatment? Report it now by calling 1-800-342-3720. If you believe a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department.

Servicios de Proteccion Infantil

Llame a nuestro número de telfono gratis estatal: 1-800-342-3720. Si usted cree que un niño está en peligro inmediato, Lame al 911 o al Departamento de Policía Local.

Grant Funding

Copiague School District continues to develop and implement student-centered programs made available through federal, state and local grant funding. These grants have enabled the district to institute many before- and after-school programs for students in all grade levels. Included in the wide range of programs are academic and cultural experiences, as well as support programs to help students achieve the state standards. In addition, grant funding has enabled our teaching staff to embark on several initiatives and projects that keep them at the forefront of education in all of the core subject areas.

By securing funds through grant writing, Copiague School District has been able to take advantage of the Universal Prekindergarten Program and many others without incurring additional cost to district taxpayers.

Senior Citizen Privileges

The Copiague Board of Education continues to grant senior citizens, age 62 or over and residing in the Copiague School District, guest passes for all school-sponsored functions conducted in the Copiague School District. In addition, the senior citizen registration fee for the Adult Education Program is only \$3.00.

All Copiague senior citizens wishing to obtain a permanent identification card may do so by visiting the Office of the District Clerk at 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY, to complete an application form.

The Board of Education, administration, staff and students look forward to having as many senior citizens as possible in attendance at all school-sponsored functions conducted in the Copiague School District.

Copiague Public Schools Pesticide Notification

Copiague Public Schools has an Integrated Pest Management Program in accordance with New York State Education Department regulations. This program dictates that the least-toxic pesticide be used and only when absolutely necessary. Any student, parent or staff member may register to receive written notification 48 hours prior to a regulated pesticide application. Individuals may request that their names be added to the school registry at any time during the school year. Please be aware that in case of an emergency, we may not be able to provide a 48-hour notice. All interested parties should contact the District's Buildings and Grounds Office at 631-842-4015, ext. 560, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Asbestos Notice (AHERA)

In accordance with AHERA regulation, 40 CFR Part 763.93, the Copiague School District continues to maintain for public inspection, in the Building and Grounds office, a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan in addition to other asbestos-related documentation. For further information about the plan, please call 631-842-4015, ext. 560.

Free Summer Food Program

To ensure students continue receiving proper nutrition during the summer months, the Copiague School District offers a free lunch for children 18 years old or younger at no cost to local taxpayers during the months of July and August. There is no residency or identification required. Menus vary by location. Times and locations will be available on the district's website, www.copiague.k12.ny.us.

CEP

The Copiague Public Schools will continue the federally funded USDA National School Lunch and Breakfast Community Eligibility Provision for the 2023-2024 school year. All students enrolled in the Copiague Public Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge. No further action is required of you. Students wishing to have a double serving of lunch or snack will be charged. Meal accounts can be accessed at https://linqconnect.com/.

Meal Service for Children with Disabilities

Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to those children whose disability restricts their diets in such a way that they cannot fully participate in the food service program without some modification to the foods offered on the scheduled menu. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with a medical statement that is signed by a licensed physician or health care professional. Contact the Director of Food Services at (631) 842-4010, ext. 451.

Homeless Liaison

In keeping with the McKinney-Vento Act and other applicable New York State statutes on the homeless, a parent/guardian of a homeless child should contact James McCabe, Homeless Liaison, for information and assistance at 631-842-4015, ext. 520.

Megan's Law Notification

A link to Parents for Megan's Law can be accessed on the district's website at www.copiague.k12.ny.us. Sex offender information can be accessed by clicking the Health, Safety & Emergency Management link, under Students & Families, on the district's website, or by going directly to www.parentsformeganslaw.org. The district's internal practices, implemented to ensure the safety of students and staff, will continue.

Residents who do not have internet access may utilize computer facilities at the Copiague Public Library or may send a letter to the District Clerk requesting paper copies of the sex offender notices. In addition, notices will be available for pickup at the district's Central Office located at 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY 11726.

District Computer Network and Internet Use Regulation

Procedures for Proper Use

- 1. The district's computer network shall be used only for educational purposes consistent with the district's mission and goals.
- 2. The individual in whose name an account is issued is responsible at all times for its proper use.
- 3. Network users will be issued a login name and password. Network users should keep their passwords private. In the event that a password becomes known to others, the affected user should request a new password through the Office of Technology.
- 4. District staff members may have access to work-related documents such as gradebooks, lesson plans, email and calendars from home. However, secured networked systems and databases including personnel records, student databases, video surveillance and the financial system will not be available outside the district network unless expressly authorized by the Superintendent or his/her designee
- 5. Network users identifying a security problem on the district's system must notify the appropriate teacher, administrator or Director of Technology.
- 6. Student account information will be maintained in accordance with applicable education records law and district policy and regulation 5500.
- 7. Copyrighted material may not be placed on any computer connected to the district's network without the author's permission. Only staff specifically authorized may upload copyrighted material to the network.
- 8. Network users may download copyrighted material for their own use. Copyrighted material shall be used in accordance with the fair use doctrine and district policy and regulation 8650.
- 9. Any network user identified as a security risk or having a history of violations of district computer use guidelines may be denied access to the district's network.

Prohibitions

The following is a list of prohibited actions concerning use of the district's computer network. Violation of any of these prohibitions may result in discipline or other appropriate penalty, including suspension or revocation of a user's access to the network:

- 1. There must be no sharing of passwords.
- Attempts to read, delete, copy or modify the electronic mail of other system users is prohibited, as is deliberate interference with the ability of other system users to send/ receive electronic mail. Forgery or attempted forgery of electronic mail messages is prohibited.

- 3. Software may not be loaded onto the district's computers and/or network without permission of the Office of Technology. In no event will copyright protections be violated. Networked software may only be installed by the systems operator.
- 4. No personal (non-work-related) files, including music, pictures, movies or documents, may be stored on the district's network.
- 5. Attempts by a user to log on to the district's system in the name of another individual, with or without the individual's password, is prohibited.
- 6. System users shall not encourage the use of tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances or otherwise promote any other activity prohibited by district policy, state or federal law.
- 7. Use of the district's network to access websites and data other than for educational or work-related purposes is prohibited.
- 8. Transmission of material, information or software in violation of any district policy or regulation, local, state or federal law or regulation is prohibited.
- 9. Vandalism will result in cancellation of system use privileges, and or other appropriate disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as a malicious attempt to harm or destroy district equipment or materials, data of another user of the district's system, or any of the agencies or other networks that are connected to the internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses.
- 10. Tampering with or misuse of the computer system or taking any other action inconsistent with this policy and regulation will be viewed as a security violation.
- 11. Users of the district's network shall not use the network for any electronic communication to threaten, insult or cyberbully others.
- 12. A user shall not access, transmit or download material that is profane or pornographic or that advocates violence toward other people.
- 13. The use of proxy, circumventor and similar sites for the purpose of bypassing the district internet filter is prohibited.
- 14. Connecting any district-owned computer to a network other than the district network while in the district is prohibited without the express consent of the Office of Technology. Examples of other networks include Optimum, Verizon, Sprint and AT&T.
- 15. Staff members and students are prohibited from using personal devices (cell phones, PDAs, laptops, etc.) while on school property to access internet content (on any network) which is in violation of District Internet Safety Policy Regulation or which may be considered harmful to minors (i.e., pornography).
- 16. All students will be allowed access to the district's instructional network and the internet unless their parent/guardian requests that access be denied. A parent may elect to disallow access to the network and internet for their child by writing a letter to the Director of Technology, Copiague Public Schools, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY 11726, indicating that they do not want their child to be allowed to access information on the internet.

Copiague UFSD Chromebook Agreement

All websites accessed on the Chromebook pass through the district filters. A record of all internet activity is available to the district. All computer equipment shall be inventoried, and a list shall be maintained of the date such equipment was loaned, to whom it was loaned, and the date of expected and actual return.

A guardian or student should report all problems/issues to the Office of Technology at 631-842-4015, ext. 513. The district has insurance which covers some routine repair. There are a limited number of loaners to supply students who do not have a working Chromebook. A student who does not take proper care of his/her Chromebook can be charged for repair/replacement.

STUDENT PLEDGE FOR CHROMEBOOK USE

- I agree to return the Chromebook and charger in good working condition.
- I will use my Chromebook for educational purposes.
- I will neither alter nor attempt to change, disable or circumvent the management settings, content filters or virus protection software on my Chromebook.
- I will not install or download software that is not approved by administration or teachers.
- I will never leave my Chromebook unattended in an unsecured or unsupervised location.
- I will be the sole user of the Chromebook and never loan it out to other individuals.
- I will know where my Chromebook is at all times.
- I will keep food and beverages away from my Chromebook since they may cause damage to the device.
- I will not disassemble any part of my Chromebook or attempt any repairs.
- I will report any issues with the Chromebook to the Office of Technology.
- I will protect my Chromebook by always carrying it in a secure manner to avoid damage and take all responsible precautions to prevent careless or intentional damage.
- I will not decorate (stickers, adhesives, drawings) or write on the Chromebook.
- I understand that the Chromebook I am issued remains the property of Copiague UFSD.
- I will follow the policies outlined in the Computer Network and Internet and Internet Safety Policy (4526, 4527, 4527-R, 4528, 4528-R.)
- I will accurately represent myself at all times while keeping further personal information such as my address or phone number private.

STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) PLEDGE FOR CHROMEBOOK USE

• I /we understand that Chromebooks are intended solely for educational use and that students are not permitted to download any digital content or applications not

authorized by their teachers or approved by District administration.

- I/we understand that the District may require me to file a police report in the event of theft or vandalism.
- I/we agree to pay the full replacement cost of my Chromebook (or any part of) and/or charger in the event that any part becomes broken or damaged (by any means other than normal use or wear-and-tear.)
- I/we understand my/our responsibilities with respect to the care and maintenance of the Chromebook.
- I/we understand that students must return their Chromebook in the condition in which it was received.
- I/we understand that I must report to the school administration any Chromebook problems or if it is damaged, lost or stolen.
- I/we understand that the use of Chromebooks will be governed by all terms and conditions of District policies and regulations, including but not limited to the Copiague UFSD Computer Network and Internet and Internet Safety Policy (4526, 4527, 4527-R, 4528, 4528-R.)

Need help with Technology?

Technology Office: 631-842-4015, ext. 513 | tech@copiague.net

High School Track & Tennis Court Access Gate

The track will be open for public use as follows, unless COVID regulations prevent public usage:

Weekends & Holidays: April 15 to Oct. 31

7 a.m. to 10 a.m. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Weekdays: April 15 to Oct. 31

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Summer: Last day of school through Aug. 31

6 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Winter: Nov. 1 to April 14

Track is closed.

- No pets are allowed on school property, including the track.
- The synthetic field is not open for public use.
- Any time there is a student activity, such as sport contests, band usage and/or physical education classes, the track will be closed for public use.

Copiague School District Code of Conduct

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive, and district personnel may deliver, quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The district has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity. An orderly and stimulating learning environment is dependent upon a sustained and cooperative effort on the part of students, parents and staff.

The Board recognizes the need to clearly define these expectations for acceptable conduct on school property, identify the possible consequences of unacceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline, when necessary, is administered promptly and fairly. To this end, the Board adopts this Code of Conduct ("Code").

Unless otherwise indicated, this Code applies to all students, school personnel, parents and other visitors when on school property or attending a school function.

It is important that you and your child be aware that serious violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action and may result in suspension and referral to the Superintendent of Schools for further disciplinary action.

A complete copy of the entire Code of Conduct is available for your review at your child's school.

Student Rights

The district is committed to safeguarding the rights given to all students under state and federal law. In addition, to promote a safe, healthy, orderly and civil school environment, all district students have the right to:

- Participate in all district activities on an equal basis regardless of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender (including gender identity and expression).
- Present their version of the relevant events to school personnel authorized to impose a disciplinary penalty in connection with the imposition of the penalty.
- Access school policies, régulations and rules and, when necessary, receive an explanation of those rules from school personnel.

Student Responsibilities

All district students have the responsibility to:

- Contribute to maintaining a safe, supportive and orderly school environment that is conducive to learning and to show respect to other persons and to property.
- Be familiar with and abide by all district policies, rules and regulations dealing with student conduct.
- Attend school every day unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Work to the best of their ability in all academic and extracurricular pursuits and strive toward their highest level of achievement possible.

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- React to direction given by teachers, administrators and other school personnel in a respectful, positive manner.
- Work to develop mechanisms to control their anger.
- · Ask questions when they do not understand.
- Seek help in resolving problems that might lead to discipline.

- Dress appropriately for school and school functions.
- Accept responsibility for their actions.
- Conduct themselves as representatives of the district when participating in or attending school-sponsored extracurricular events, and hold themselves to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor and sportsmanship.

Prohibited Student Conduct

The Board of Education expects all students to conduct themselves in an appropriate and civil manner, with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, district personnel and other members of the school community, and for the care of school facilities and equipment.

The Board recognizes the need to make its expectations for student conduct while in school, on school property, on school buses or engaged in a school function specific and clear. The rules of conduct listed below are intended to do that and focus on safety and respect for the rights and property of others. Students who do not accept responsibility for their own behavior and who violate these school rules will be required to accept the consequences for their conduct.

Students may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from school, when they engage in conduct that is:

- disorderly
- insubordinate
- disruptive
- violent
- endangering the safety, morals, physical or mental health, or welfare of others
- inappropriate behavior on a school bus
- illegal
- academically inappropriate
- off-campus misconduct that interferes with or can reasonably be expected to disrupt the educational process

Reporting Violations

All students are expected to promptly report violations of the Code of Conduct to a teacher, guidance counselor, building principal or his or her designee. Dignity Act Coordinators are assigned in each building as follows: High School – Joseph Agosta, Alison Stritzl; Middle School – Andrew Lagnado, Fran Walker; Deauville Gardens East – Joseph Buccello, Lysa Mullady; Deauville Gardens West – Kristina Biamonte, Jessica Kopping; Susan E. Wiley – Cynthia Florio, Chelsea Trotta; Great Neck Road – Tamika Eason; Adrienne Mahoney.

The principal or his or her designee must notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency of those Code violations which constitute a crime and substantially affect the order or security of the school. The notification must identify the student and explain the conduct that violated the Code of Conduct and constituted a crime.

Disciplinary action, when necessary, will be firm, fair, and consistent, so as to be most effective in changing student behavior. As a general rule, discipline will be progressive.

Disciplinary Penalties

Students who are found to have violated the district's Code of Conduct may be subject to the following range of penalties, either alone or in combination.

- Oral warning any member of the staff, or bus driver.
- Written warning bus drivers, hall and lunch monitors, coaches,

guidance counselors, teacher assistants, security aides, or any other staff member.

- Written notification to parent bus drivers, hall and lunch monitors, coaches, guidance counselors, teachers, or principals.
- Detention teachers, principals, Superintendent of Schools.
- Suspension from transportation Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, principals, Superintendent of Schools.
- Suspension from athletic participation coaches, principals, Superintendent of Schools.
- Suspension from social or extracurricular activities activity directors, principals, Superintendent of Schools.
- Suspension of other privileges principals, Superintendent of Schools.
- In-school suspension principals, Superintendent of Schools.
- Removal from classroom by teacher classroom teachers.
- Short-term suspension (five days or less) from school principals, Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education.
- Long-term suspension (more than five days) from school principals, Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education.
- Permanent suspension from school Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education.

Disciplinary Procedures

The amount of due process a student is entitled to receive before a penalty is imposed depends on the penalty being imposed. In all cases, regardless of the penalty imposed, the school personnel authorized to impose the penalty must inform the student of the alleged misconduct and must investigate, to the extent necessary, the facts surrounding the alleged misconduct. All students will have an opportunity to present their version of the facts to the school personnel imposing the disciplinary penalty.

Students who are to be given penalties other than an oral warning, written warning or written notification to their parents are entitled to additional rights which are further specified in Board policy.

Minimum Periods of Suspension

- Any student, other than a student with a disability, found guilty of bringing a weapon onto school property will be subject to suspension from school for at least one calendar year.
- Any student, other than a student with a disability, who is found to have committed a violent act shall be subject to suspension from school for up to five days.
- Any student, other than a student with a disability, who repeatedly
 is substantially disruptive of the educational process or substantially
 interferes with the teacher's authority over the classroom may be
 removed from class by the teacher and will be suspended from
 school for up to five days.

Discipline of Students with Disabilities

The Board recognizes that it may be necessary to suspend, remove or otherwise discipline students with disabilities to address disruptive or problem behaviors. This Code of Conduct affords students with disabilities, subject to disciplinary action, no greater or lesser rights than those expressly afforded by applicable federal and state law regulations.



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Register your children for the 2023-2024 school year today!
Registration is held Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m.–3 p.m.
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throughout the school year.

For registration information, please contact our Registration Office, 631-842-4015, ext. 538, or see our district website at www.copiague.k12.ny.us under the Student & Families Tab.

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¡Registre a sus hijos para el año escolar 2023-2024 hoy! La inscripción se lleva a cabo Lunes a Jueves de 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. en Julio o y Agosto.

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Para obtener información sobre el registro, comuníquese con nuestra Oficina de registro al 631-842-4015, ext. 538 o visite nuestro sitio web del distrito www.copiague.k12.ny.us bajo Estudiantes y Familias

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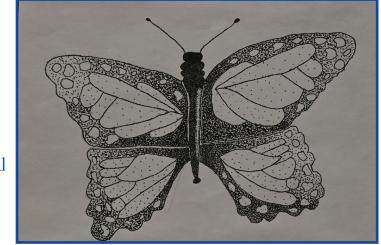
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24	25 Yom Kippur School Closed	26	27 DGE PTA Meeting 6:15 pm DGE Meet the Teacher Night 7 pm	28 MS Back to School Night 7 pm	29	30 Homecoming Parade 12 pm Football Game 2 pm Hall of Achievement 7 pm

Shaded box indicates schools closed. Events are subject to change and/or cancellation • Abbreviation Key: High School – HS; Middle School – MS; Deauville Gardens East – DGE; Deauville Gardens West – DGW; Great Neck Road – GNR; Susan E. Wiley – SEW

Nicole Orellana-Giron





Ariel Henningham







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1	2 Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	3	4 SEW PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	5 GNR PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	6 MS/HS End of 1st Quarter Progress Report Period	7
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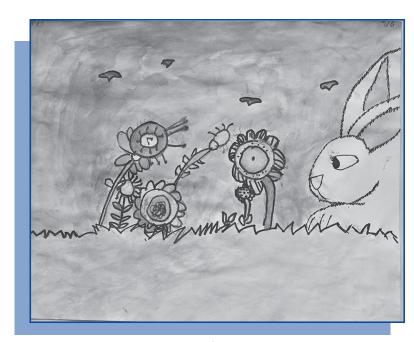
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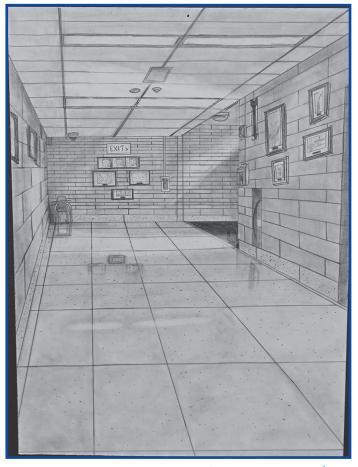
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19	20 Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	21	22 Superintendent's Conference Day School Closed for Students	23 Thanksgiving School Closed	24 Thanksgiving Recess School Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30 DGW PTA Meeting 6 pm		

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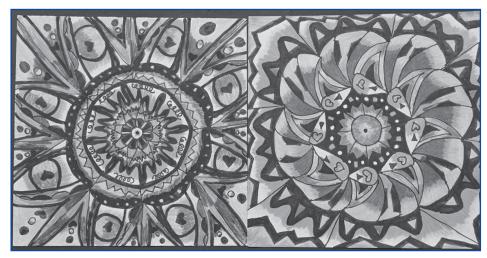
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7	8 Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	9	10 PTA Council Meeting 6:15 pm	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed	16	17 DGE PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19	20
21	22 Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	23	24 Regents Example 1	25 ms	26 MS/HS End of 2nd Quarter	27
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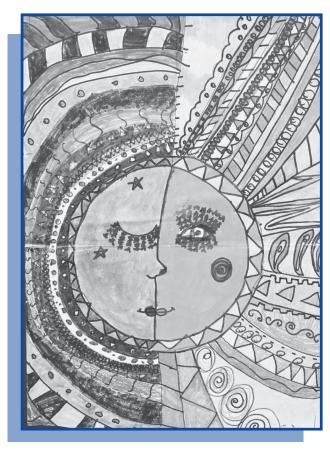
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Brianna Begley



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				1 GNR PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	2	3
4	5	6	7 DGE PTA Meeting 6:30 pm SEW PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	8 DGW PTA Meeting 6 pm	9	10 ACT Exam
11	12 Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	13	14 PTA Council Meeting 6:15 pm PTSA Meeting 7:30 pm	15 MS PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17
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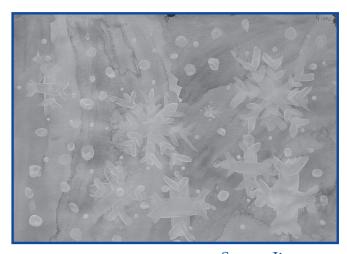
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Steven Jimenez



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3	4	5	6 SEW PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	7 DGW PTA Meeting 5:30 pm GNR PTA Meeting 5:30 pm	8 MS/HS End of 3rd Quarter	9 SAT Exam
10	Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	12	13 PTA Council Meeting 6:15 pm PTSA Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	DGE PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	21	22 Elementary Second Trimester Ends	23
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Diana Amaya Castro



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Spring Recess 1 School Closed	2	3 SEW PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	4 GNR PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	5	6
7	8	9	10 DGE PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	11 MS PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	12	13
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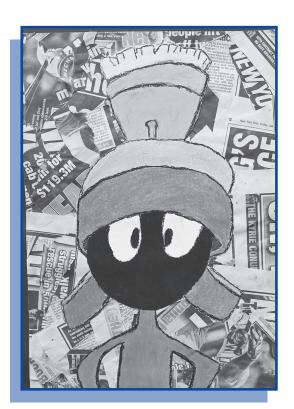
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Sebastian Nunez Ramirez



Megan Bridges



Lian Rodriguez Diaz

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Tiffany Dominguez



Ashani Barnes









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9	10 Board of Education Meeting 7 pm	11	12 PTA Council Meeting 6:15 pm PTSA Meeting 7:30 pm SEW PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	13 DGW PTA Meeting 6 pm GNR PTA Meeting 6:30 pm	NYS Regents Exams	15	
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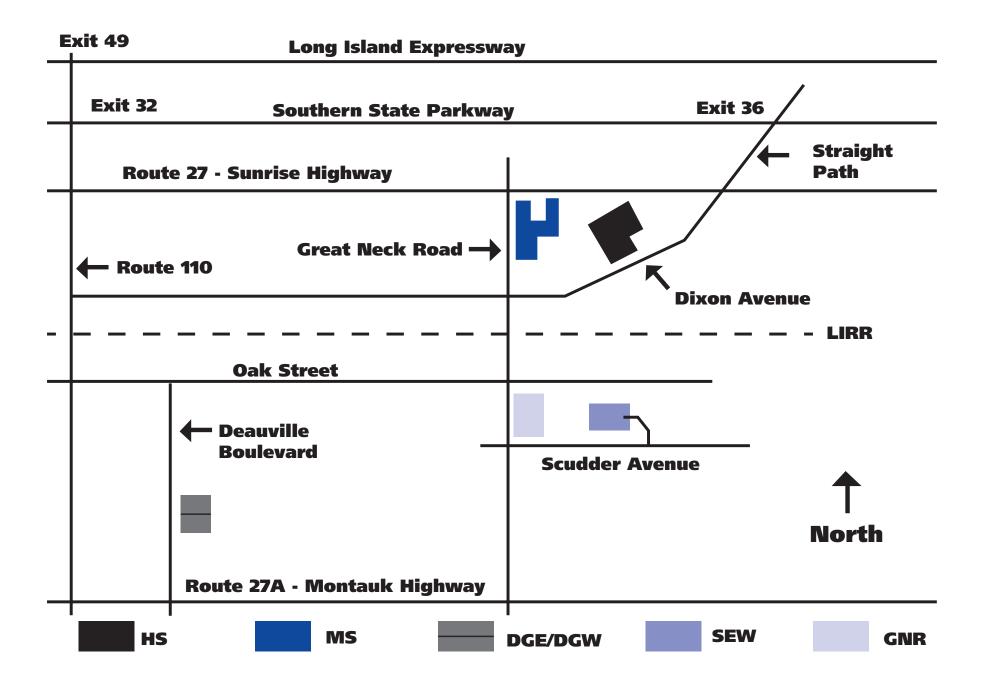
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