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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Harborfields School Community:

At the January 18, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education, the Board adopted the 2017–2018 school calendar. The creation of the calendar is an extremely cumbersome task due to the many factors that play a critical role in the successful adoption of an educationally sound school calendar.

The initial planning of a new school calendar begins several months prior to its adoption. This is indeed a very difficult process, since school districts must take into account several variables such as: contractual obligations, state regulations, federal holidays, and, most importantly, the possibility of school closure during inclement weather. In addition, Boards of Education and school officials across Long Island work diligently for months to craft a calendar that is consistent for all school districts and also consistent with the calendar prepared by BOCES.

The creation of the 2017–2018 school calendar was particularly challenging, since the Board of Education and central administration were committed to adopting a calendar that is not only educationally sound, but also reflective of the diversity that makes our community a special place to live and learn. It is the Board and Superintendent's main priority to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed and thrive in Harborfields regardless of their creed or national origin.

During the past several years, the diversity of our community has increased and additional religious holidays are now having an impact on many of our students. It is with great pride and determination that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, adopted a calendar that will observe and close schools for the Eid al-Fitr holiday, provided the State Education Department also recognizes Eid al-Fitr and does not designate June 15, 2018 as a Regents testing day.

The Board is proud to present a calendar for the 2017–2018 school year that reaffirms Harborfields' tradition of excellence and celebrates the diversity that makes our community a special place to work, live, and learn. Our vision is to provide success to our HF family. We want to provide our students with a world-class education one child at a time, and we believe that this calendar is a significant step in that direction.

As always, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Francesco Ianni", is written over the printed name and title.

Dr. Francesco Ianni
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Success for our HF Family
Giving our students world class education one child at a time