# Welcome Back!

Victoria McLaren
Superintendent

# Agenda

- Superintendent Welcome Ms. Victoria McLaren
- Title IX, DASA, Sexual Harassment, and Legal Updates Mr. Jim Drohan, Esq.
- Right to Know and Bloodborne Pathogens Dr. Michael O'Rourke
- Emergency Response Plan, Violence Prevention, and Mental Health Ms.
   Monica LaClair
- Technology Initiatives & Ransomware and Email Security Mr. John Reimer
- Setting the Course Dr. Jodi DeLucia

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Fred Rogers

# Looking Forward

#### Hopes for the New Year

- Recognition and appreciation for what we have:
  - Administrators, Teachers, Support Staff, and Students
- Continued focus on the health and wellness of our students in conjunction with academics:
  - Social Emotional Learning/Equity Initiative
- Working together for an improved future:
  - Board, Administration, Union Leadership, Staff, Students and Parents

# Updates

#### **Long Term Planning**

- Dr. Kevin Baughman has begun work on the Building Utilization and Grade Configuration Study to support the creation of a long term plan. He will be reaching out to staff and community in the fall to continue to gather information.
- The Board of Education has asked the District Wide Shared Decision Making Committee to assist in the creation of a new Vision statement.
  - An Onteora education fosters intellectual curiosity, mutual respect, self-respect, creative problem solving, individual expression, ethical decision making and active engagement in the world. Our community values and supports its children, through a holistic collaboration among students, families, the educational community, and Onteora residents at large. Students will graduate as engaged citizens and life-long learners with the confidence, self-awareness and skills to reach their maximum potential, and to live rich and successful lives.

### Board Goals (2018-2019)

- Support the development of a long-term, district-wide plan that strategically addresses educational goals, declining enrollment, facilities, community impact, budget and cost-saving measures. Accomplish this through input from Superintendent recommendations, Board Ad Hoc committee, Shared Decision Making committee and community outreach
- Support efforts to foster a more positive culture and climate within the District; including the exploration of a Culture and Climate survey, initiatives to increase school spirit, ongoing diversity education for students and staff, commitment to [furthering] restorative justice training and practices, and a sustained effort to better publicize the district's accomplishments and reach the community through social media.
- Increase student knowledge and engagement in civics, grades K-12
- Support the continued review of homework reform, including the revision of Board's Homework Policy with input from all stakeholders

# Updates

#### Capital Project Work

- Work by the track and football field has progressed and is ready for the new press box and bleacher to be installed.
  - There is now accessible parking and an accessible path to the track and football field.
  - Press box and bleachers will be delivered and installed mid to late September
- Drainage issues are being investigated and reviewed by architects and engineers at field hockey, baseball and soccer fields. Design will take place over winter and work during summer of 2020.
- ADA project was approved in May and work will take place during the summer of 2020. Will provide accessible bathrooms, locker rooms and an accessible entrance to the gymnasium.
- Bennett roof partial replacement design over winter and work during summer of 2020.
- Additional funding for chemistry lab was also approved in May and work will take place during summer of 2020.

### On to the program....

- Thank you to Facilities Staff and Interim Director Kyle Harjes
- Introduction of New Faculty and Staff
- Recognition of years of service