



August 17, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and enjoying some summertime activities. It is mid- August and before we know it; the new school year will begin.

Thanks to the generosity of some Wainscott community members, we are excited to inform you that we will continue to have art, music, technology and physical education. We are in the process of hiring another staff member who will be able to provide support in the classrooms and who is also qualified to provide 1:1 intervention services to students who need them.

As you may be aware, the district is on a Contingency Budget for this school year. This is because our budget did not receive the required sixty percent majority to be considered approved. There are certain expenses that are prohibited (by New York State Education Department regulations) in a contingency budget. Field trips are one of those prohibited expenses. Purchasing pizza for lunch on Fridays is another. We already have one family that has volunteered to provide pizza lunch on the first Friday of each month.

During our recent Board of Trustees' meetings some of you expressed interest in helping to fund some student activities, such as field trips. Among the ideas discussed was forming a Parent Teacher Organization and establishing an education foundation. If you are interested in pursuing either of these options, or have other ideas that you would like to share, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

We are in the process of finalizing a schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. The length of the school day will remain the same as the previous year, and as in the past, transportation will be provided. If your child is in grades K-4 and you intend to send them to a different school district, please contact Norma Bushman at your earliest convenience so that we may plan accordingly.

Prior to the opening of school in September, we will hold a meeting to share the details of our plans for the 2023-2024 school year. We would like to incorporate this meeting with a back to school event on August 29th at 6:00 p.m. You will also be receiving a small supply list for your child.

Please be assured that the Board and the staff of the Wainscott School remain committed to providing your children with a positive and enjoyable experience during the 2023-2024 school year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah A. Haab".

Deborah A. Haab
School Superintendent