

# BBOED News & Notes

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*Superintendent of Schools*



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Dear Bayonne School District Family,

Greetings! We are now halfway through the school year! Many activities took place on Tuesday in our early childhood program to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. Examples include listening to a number of 100-Day stories, reciting 100-Day poems, and singing 100-Day songs. Some students even came to school dressed as if they were 100 years old!

February also marks Black History Month. Black History Month is designed to recognize history, experiences and accomplishments of Black Americans. Our students will research and write about important people such as Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Jesse Owens, and others. Students will be able to identify with their achievements and learn the integral parts they played in our Nation's history. Look for the learning activities on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

February is also the time when school officials prepare the budget for the next school year. Even though the Bayonne School District has been seriously underfunded over the past ten years, we have still managed to provide a quality education for your children, offered superior innovative programs, and delivered competitive sports teams and spirited extracurricular activities. I want you to know that I will continue to fight for our fair and equitable share of funding on behalf of your children. As a matter of fact, I testified before the State Education Assembly Committee on school funding last week with our School Business Administrator, Leo Smith, Jr. We made it very clear to the committee members that, ***Bayonne Kids Count Too!*** Hopefully, they are receptive to our concerns and fully fund their formula for the 2017-2018 school year.

Finally, I look forward to seeing our parents at Bayonne High School this evening from 6:00 – 8:00 PM for mid-year parent conferences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia L. McGeehan".

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Superintendent of Schools



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