



# TONAWANDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Warrior Parent/Guardian/Community Member:

I hope you enjoyed the mid-winter break as we prepare to return to regular school session on Monday. The spring season begins the exciting part of the school year that includes the recognition of student accomplishment, celebrations of achievement, and culminating in commencement ceremonies as students advance in their educational journey.

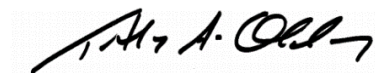
Please see the following updates and notes regarding the upcoming months:

- Our annual public vote on the school budget and Board of Education members is **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the High School Miller Gymnasium from 11am – 8pm.**
- Please see our Winter Newsletter that will be arriving to your home soon. A digital version of this publication can be found at <https://5il.co/1pr1q>.
- Our capital project continues to run on schedule and on budget. We are proud of this new building and await the opportunity to share this facility with our students, staff, and families later this summer. It is our expectation that the new Tonawanda Elementary School will open for student learning at the start of the 2023-2024 school year in September. Please visit our TONA2020 website: <https://www.tonawandacsd.org/page/tona-2020>
- We expect to release the academic calendar for the 2023-2024 school year later in March.
- We continue to work to prepare a balanced budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Our budget relies on NYS Aid as a significant revenue source for our instructional programming. As we await these final data points that will be included in the NYS budget, we are committed to creating another school budget that responsibly balances the needs of our students, innovative programming, and high quality staff members with the continued support of our community taxpayers. Please learn more about our 2023-2024 budget process and recent presentations at <https://www.tonawandacsd.org/o/tcsdny/page/budget-2023-2024>
  - The first year of the debt service payment for the TONA2020: Elementary School Consolidation Capital Project is due this year. This increase in school taxes will appear as part of the “tax cap” calculation and will be included in the annual school tax bills to taxpayers that is due in the fall of 2023.

- The district has begun to receive offers for the purchase of the Mullen and Riverview school buildings. Our commercial real estate brokers have provided numerous group tours of prospective buyers and have been closely communicating with interested parties.
  - Next steps will be to evaluate the offers, proceed with negotiating the most favorable terms and conditions for the District to present to the Board. No offers have been received or considered by the Board of Education at this time. It is unclear at this point, if timing will align for the public referendum for any property sale with the annual district budget vote in May.
  - Our district has an excellent record of transitioning school buildings and district property to new owners that have utilized the space responsibly, respectfully, and benefit to our city.
  - Once the district receives a viable offer for one or both of the schools, we will communicate additional information with the community at that time.
- Our district continues to await clarification and additional information regarding our current logo and team name. The NYS Board of Regents has not defined the extent of the required changes. If changes to our logo and team name are required by the NYS Education Department, our district will engage in a process that will gather input from stakeholders, and most importantly, engage our students in thoughtful and purposeful work.
  - Our district has created a webpage that will be updated and include pertinent information regarding this topic. Please visit the webpage at:  
<https://www.tonawandacsd.org/page/board-of-education-informational-updates>

Thank you for your continued support and trust in educating and caring for the children we see each day. Your partnership and pride is what drives our work as we prepare to open one of the most remarkable new elementary schools in WNY. Go Warriors!

Sincerely,



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