



## **WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this finds you and yours doing well. Since the beginning of the school year, we have been working with Chartwells, our food service provider, to address our many concerns with the food that it has served. My administration has met with Chartwells' representatives on numerous occasions to express our significant concerns, displeasure, and frustration. We have repeatedly informed them that Chartwells' service has fallen far short of our high expectations for the school district. At our last Board of Education meeting on Thursday, September 23, the Board of Education and my administration requested that a Chartwells representative come before the Board to publicly explain its unsatisfactory performance. During the meeting, the Board Members and I found that the answers and explanations given to the questions posed by members of the public and us were largely insufficient. Thus, today, we notified Chartwells of its termination as the District's food service provider.

In accordance with the requirement of its agreement with the Board, Chartwells must be given 60 days notice, during which time it will remain our food service provider. This time will be used to implement the process by which our district will accept proposals from other vendors, review them, and ultimately choose a new food service provider that can service our students. Traditionally, this process takes a few months and then time is allocated for the new company to transition into our district; we are working to have the selection process completed and a new company in place in less than 8 weeks. While we anticipate bumps in the road that come with any transition of such a significant service for a school district our size, we look forward to moving in a new direction that will put our students' needs first.

Our administration and Board of Education appreciate the input and feedback given by our school community members. We thank you for your continued engagement and support as we move through this important process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Massimino".

Joseph Massimino, Ed.D.  
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