



Virtual Meeting Agenda
7:00 pm, Monday, February 2, 2026

- I. **Call to Order: 7:03 PM**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Co-Presidents Report:
 1. Sign Up Genius
 2. Virtual Backpack submissions due by Tuesday to be included in that week's backpack
 3. Open committee positions & open board positions- reach out to the co-presidents for more information. Many of our committee positions will be open next year, as the current committee members are 6th grade parents.
- III. **Treasurer's Report**
Account Balances:
 - a. LGCCC: \$2,670.00
 - b. Primary Checking: \$93,379.71
 - c. HSA Savings: \$25,613.95
 - d. Playground Savings: \$32,910.18
- IV. **Secretary's Report**-For the virtual meeting, only put your name in the chat if it is not fully reflected in your profile.
- V. **Board of Education Representative's Report-Mrs. Greene and Ms. Dudley BOE President (attached)**
 - a. Discussion regarding emotional and social support for families given the current national landscape on immigration.
- VI. **Principal's Report-Mr. Sullivan (attached)**
- VII. **Teacher's Report-Ms. Pontoriero**
 - On behalf of Ms. Beesley, a heartfelt thank you for the Counselor Appreciation Day gift from the HSA
 - Vocal Townwide Concert for 6th grade chorus students is Wed March 24th @ 6:30pm.
 - Permission slips with more information will go out next week.
 - Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help with Theatre rehearsals every Wednesday 3:30-4:30 in the gym (As per Liz, will be added to the Sign-Up genius)**One Book**
 - Clues will be revealed in the week of Feb 17-23rd *Book is a secret*
 - Big reveal Feb 27th Books and Schedule bookmarks will be distributed that day as well
 - Reading is to be AT HOME ONLY
 - Reading weeks March 2nd, 9th and 16th (Read-a-thon same weeks)
 - One Book Assembly March 9th
 - One Book Family Night, March 24th 4-6pm in the gym
- VIII. **Committee Chairperson's Reports**
 - a. **6th Grade**-We will be sending out a flyer this week regarding scheduling of yearbook photos. Photos will be taken February 14, February 21, and February 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the cafeteria. Please see the flyer for further information on how to sign up for a time slot.
 - 50/50 Raffle is still going! Tickets will be drawn at the next HSA meeting, which is in person. As of Friday, we are at \$1,140, so \$570 to the winner! Please see a sixth-grade family if you are interested in purchasing a ticket.
 - A poll was distributed to the 6th grade students regarding the theme for the 6th grade dance. Stay tuned for the results!
 - PLEASE, if you have not already sent in your baby photos, send them in as soon as possible! We are starting to work on the yearbook, and we want to make sure everyone is included. Send to demgrad2026@gmail.com.
 - If you have not paid your HSA dues, please do so as soon as possible. We will be reaching out to families individually. Payment of HSA dues for sixth grade families includes the yearbook, all sixth-grade graduation activities, and a t-shirt. Should you have any questions, please let us know.



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- b. **HSA Basketball**-The league is still looking for someone to take over. Watsessing School has volunteered to take over the financial and bookkeeping schedule. The league has just finished the 4th weekend, and all is going well. We continue to ask for volunteers to remind families where to enter and exit. The next volunteer date for Demarest is 2/14
 - c. **Community Service**-If you need financial assistance for field trips, please reach out to Ms. Beesley at jbeesley@bloomfield.k12.nj. Assistance will be provided based on need and availability from the HSA Community Fund.
Read Across America-Gently used children's books will be collected during the first week of March in front of the office for donation.
 - d. **Fundraising**-Getrude Hawk has started and goes through 2/23. A Popcorn fundraiser is scheduled after the Getrude Hawk has concluded.
 - e. **Mini Fundraising**
 - i. Chipotle earnings-\$162.90
 - ii. Tootie Cookie Sale-Pick up and afterschool sale on Friday, February 13th
 - iii. March-May-Dine to donate suggestions
 - f. **Family Game Night-NEW DATE Friday, February 27th**. Suggested donation, \$5 per family. Feel free to bring your own dinner or order in! Snacks will be available for purchase. *Bring a game you love* — or come ready to learn something new! Please reserve your spot in advance so we can plan accordingly. We can't wait to see you there! Sign up is live on Cheddar.
 - g. **Pep Squad**-Talent Show is the next event.
 - h. **Talent Show-NEW DATE Friday, March 20th ,6:30 ALL ARE WELCOME**
 - i. Flyers will be distributed early February for registration.
 - ii. Dress Rehearsal, Thursday, March 19th, 5-7:30
 - iii. School Showing (*Students only, no outside spectators*), Friday, March 20th, 1:30
 - i. **Program**-Lunar New Year and Chinese culture assembly was on Thursday 1/29, and the kids enjoyed the dancing and participation
 - Up next will be Vanguard Theater's show, "Hairstory", a look at how hair ties into culture not just in the Black community, but around the world. The initial date needs to be updated (one of the lead actors will be traveling) so the updated proposed date is February 26th.
 - On March 13th, School of Rock will give us a live concert featuring music by iconic women in music, and we may have some students perform as well! There will be two performances.
 - Golden Tales of Hip Hop is sponsored by the Timoteo family. MSU Children's Theater March 27th.
 - Flat Rock Birds of Prey-April 23rd.
- IX. Old Business**
X. New Business
XI. Announcements: Next meeting March 2nd -In person
XII. Adjournment: 8:21 p.m.

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- **District News**

- Immigrant Students and Families:
 - Acknowledging that the current national climate is weighing on many of you, we want to reaffirm that our commitment to your well-being remains steadfast as we strive to ensure every student feels safe, valued, and supported. Whether you require academic assistance or simply a dedicated space to talk, we are here to provide the resources necessary for you to thrive, complemented by guidance from the [The New Jersey Department of Education](#) regarding curriculum, policy, and student protections that reinforce our inclusive mission. Furthermore, we recognize the growing anxiety surrounding the ICE containment issues affecting families nationwide and specifically here in New Jersey. Please be assured that the health and safety of our students and their families remain our top priority, and we are committed to keeping our entire school community and building principals informed as more details emerge.
- The New Jersey School Boards Association invites the community to participate in a Stakeholder Input Session regarding the Superintendent search on Friday, February 13, 2026. This in-person event will take place in the Bloomfield Middle School Auditorium from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM and is open to all residents. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, a feedback survey will be made available shortly afterward. Additionally, a dedicated staff input session will be held virtually via Google Meet on February 17 at 4:00 PM.
- February kicks off our district-wide celebration of Black History Month.
 - Please check school websites and social media accounts for districtwide activities.
 - The MLK essay and poster Contest kickoff was a big success. More information will be announced next week including the upcoming M.L.K. Brunch where winners will be recognized.
- ECC Registration

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- Applications for the Early Childhood Center's 2026-2027 school year will be opening soon. Please stay tuned for additional information.
- Registration for the 2026-2027 school year begins on March 16, 2026, for incoming Kindergarten students. To be eligible for enrollment, children must be five years old on or before October 1. Registration for all other grade levels will officially open on June 29, 2026.
- Bloomfield High School recently hosted the 35th Annual Ted Jasieniecki Alumni Basketball Game. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our returning alumni players and the participating sixth-grade teams for making this milestone event a success.
- The New Jersey Association of Educational Leaders has named Bloomfield Superintendent Salvatore L. Goncalves the 2026 Educational Leader of the Year. This prestigious honor is exceptionally rare; Mr. Goncalves is only the second recipient in the award's history, joining a distinguished group that includes former NJ Commissioner of Education and current Kean University President, Dr. Lamont Repollet.
- The Bloomfield Education Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual gala will be held on May 6 at Nanina's in the Park. Please join us for this special evening as we celebrate and congratulate Carteret Principal John Baltz on being named the Educator of the Year.
- **School News**
 - Congratulations to all of our winter sports teams on their successful seasons so far! Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship are truly commendable. We have enjoyed some exciting victories and impressive performances, and we are incredibly proud of your efforts. Keep up the great work as you head into the remainder of the season!
 - Congratulations to Mr. Warholak and the Bloomfield High School STEM team on their recent participation in the NJ STEM League Competition at the Passaic County Vocational Institute. We are proud of our students for representing BHS with such skill and dedication in this rigorous competition.
 - The Bloomfield Middle School History Department recently had the opportunity to attend the American Revolution 250th Anniversary Tour at NJPAC. This immersive experience provided our educators with valuable insights and

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resources as we prepare to commemorate this significant milestone in our nation's history.

- We are thrilled to announce that Demarest School has officially received the prestigious RAMP designation! The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) grants this recognition to schools that successfully implement comprehensive, data-driven school counseling programs. This is a monumental achievement; since the program's inception in 2004, only 12 other schools in New Jersey have received this honor. Congratulations to the Demarest team!
- The Bloomfield High School Thespian Society is proud to present its winter musical production of “Chicago.” Performances will be held from March 5 through March 8, 2026, at BHS. For more information regarding tickets or showtimes, please contact the BHS Main Office at (973) 680-8600.
 - Online/advance tickets: bhsthespsoc.booktix.com
- **Important Dates**
 - Please check the [website link](#) for all the upcoming events across the district
 - 2/10/26 BOE Meeting
 - 2/16/26 Schools Closed Presidents Day
 - 2/24/26 BOE Meeting

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Congratulations to Ms. Beesley and to Demarest. We applied for a RAMP recognition, which represents best practices in school practices and were awarded the prestigious title, being one of the few schools in NJ to have such a distinction. Thank you also to Mrs. Greene from the Board of Education for her support with this process.

We are celebrating Black History Month at Demarest, with lessons across content areas and grade levels, daily announcements, and weekly music provided by Ms. Gilker. A shout-out to our fourth grade for their successful MLK Day of Peace and Diversity, which featured a variety of fun and educational activities.

Our Green Team continues to collect plastic (bubble wrap, stretchy plastic, packing film) to earn a Trex Bench. Thank you to our Green Team leaders, Mr. Fries and Mrs. Tierney.

Thank you to Mrs. LaBattaglia who continues to find new and creative ways to highlight our students with creative social media posts.

Also a thank you to Mrs. Timoteo, who is sponsoring a performance from Montclair's Children's Theater. They will be performing.

Thank you to the HSA for sponsoring our awesome Lunar New Year Dance Assembly. Check out my Instagram for some videos!

We look forward to our Valentine's Day parties on February 13th and our third grade Forces and Motion Carnival on Feb 18th along with our Eureka Family Night that evening at 6:00. Check your emails for more information.

Schools will be closed on Monday, February 16th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

It's a great day to be a Bengal!

Sincerely,
Mike Sullivan