

# **UNIONDALE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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A Message from Dr. Lloyd:

I begin this important message to the Uniondale School District community of friends and neighbors with two important thank you's. First, the Board of Education and I thank all of our resident taxpayers who supported Uniondale students with a very positive 2 to 1 vote on the 2016-2017 school budget. Your support will help us provide the many programs available to the young people of Uniondale.

The second thank you is to the more than forty community residents who volunteered seven hours of their time on Saturday, May 21 to work with our consultant team. They discussed and analyzed eight possible program delivery options to serve a growing Uniondale student population and to implement facility improvements identified by the Board of Education. At the end of the work session, the Community Focus Group rank-ordered the options into what they believed would be the best grade level configurations and use of the buildings to deliver the Uniondale education program. A report of the work of the Community Focus Group will be posted to the Uniondale web site during the first week of June.

The Community Focus Group was the first community-Board of Education step to use pupil enrollment projection data, community demographic data, school building pupil capacity data, and program data to help identify how we might best deliver the program over the next 5 to 10 years. Increasing pupil enrollments and up-dated facility improvements will likely help us identify a capital improvement plan for the school buildings.

All of the data reports are posted on our school website. If you have not had a chance to review the reports, please take a moment to do so. The findings of the reports were presented to district staff and community residents on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note that all of the reports on the website and those that were part of the March 18 presentations are the same ones provided to the Board

of Education and me. It is important that the total school community have the same information as decisions about the future delivery of Uniondale instruction continue.

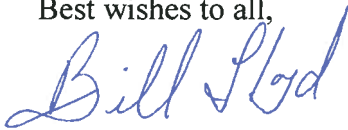
The next step in school district planning is to review the work of the Community Focus Group over the summer. In the fall, we plan to meet with the Community Focus Group to review the rank-ordered program delivery/facility options, and to plan further public meetings with the community.

As the Board of Education, staff and administrative team move forward to identify planning steps to implement, we stress two important points: First, we will continue to share all the information we gather with the community in an open and transparent manner. Second, we will continue to work with the Community Focus Group members and our greater community to help guide us to identify a plan to implement as a school district.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions about the program delivery work we are undertaking on behalf of Uniondale students. Your input is always welcomed and always valuable to the Board of Education and me.

Thank you again for your continued support of Uniondale. We wouldn't be the district we are without it.

Best wishes to all,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "L".

Dr. William K. Lloyd  
Superintendent