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## **MEMORANDUM**

## TO: SUPERINTENDENT'S QUALITY REVIEW COUNCIL:

Acocella, Patricia/FA Gisonda, Bernadette/HS Peragine, Jessica/JFK Granieri, Lisa/TA Psarakis, Michele/BO Campasano, Lucy/BOE Carere, Jennifer/JHS Hanley, Shawn/AD Rocchio, Donna/CSEA Christie, Diane/FA Layman, Arthur/HS Scott, JoAnn/SB Cunningham, Gregg/JFK Leonbruno, Thomas/JHS Spinelli, Anthony/HS DiGeloromo, Lisa/PTA Levy, Eleanor/SA Squicciarini, Patricia/TA Fazio, Hillary/SB Longo, Jennifer/PTA Council Thiel, Diane/Main St. Thiel, Elizabeth/HS Fitzgerald, Jeanne/SA Mack, Michael/BO Fortanasce, Dr. Michelle/JHS Nocerino, Stephanie/HS Tona, Christine/AD Payne, Scott/JHS Vassallo, Dr. Ellice/HS Germano, Chuck/TA

FROM: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools/Chairperson

DATE: March 2, 2015

RE: Minutes of February 11, 2015 SQRC Meeting

Program Evaluation: Foreign Language/L.O.T.E. - Grades 8-12
Mrs. Therese Coleman, SHS/JHS Chairperson, Foreign Language Department

Mrs. Coleman provided an overview of the program. The department will continue to pursue Professional Development opportunities. A new Spanish text will be utilized next year. March is foreign language month. The department is disappointed we are phasing out French and will now only offer two languages instead of four. These programs were phased out due to low enrollment and budget concerns. This is the last year Russian will be offered to our students. Consideration will be given to the development of inclusion settings for foreign language classes.

2. 2015-2016 School District Calendar

Dr. Farrelly reviewed the draft 2015-2016 calendar. The proposed calendar will be placed

on the 2/24/15 Board of Education agenda for adoption.

3. **2015-2016 Budget** 

Mrs. Psarakis reviewed the budget draft #1. She shared our concerns regarding state aid.

Mrs. Psarakis described Moody's rating and concerns, revenues, expenditures and

current tax levy limit. We are looking at a 1.6 million dollar budget gap to stay within the

tax levy limit of 2.16. She also described what is needed to stay within the limit.

4. **Capital Project Update** 

Dr. Farrelly showed the capital project video and provided an overview of phase one of

the scope of work.

5. **Main Street Organization Update** 

Mrs. Diane Thiel thanked everyone for their help with the Backpacks for Hunger

program. She said our community appreciates the assistance. Mrs. Thiel shared

resources offered by the Town of Babylon.

Next SQRC Meeting: May 7, 2015

(March 18th meeting has been cancelled)