



Superintendent's Report

April 9, 2026

On April 8, 189 Tenakill Middle School students delivered an outstanding Spring Concert under the direction of Ms. Riecken (Choral Director) and Ms. Abbey (Band and Orchestra Director). Performing ensembles included the Beginner Band, Beginner Orchestra, Intermediate Band, TMS Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Orchestra Gold, Tenakill Players, Concert Band, Junior Chorus, and Tenakill Singers. Approximately 77 students performed in more than one ensemble! The evening concluded with a combined TMS Orchestra and Concert Band finale featuring a medley from the Broadway musical WICKED, a show students will go to see in May. The quality of the performances was a testament to our students, our dedicated directors, and to why Closter Public Schools has been recognized as a Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation. Congratulations to all involved!

We will observe Paraprofessional Appreciation Day tomorrow, Friday, April 10, 2026, and we honor and thank the incredible paraprofessionals who serve our students and schools each day. Their dedication, compassion, and support are essential to the success of our learning community, and we are grateful for everything they do. Please join us in recognizing and celebrating these valued members of the Closter Public Schools family!

The Tenakill Middle School Science Olympiad Team is raising funds for their trip to the national competition in Los Angeles, CA. If you would like to support them, please visit their [Spirit Gear Fundraiser](#), which will be available through May 15, 2026, or the [GoFundMe Drive](#). The team is grateful for all the support from our Closter community.

The preliminary budget for the 2026-2027 school year, presented at the last Board meeting on March 26, 2026, was approved by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County Business Official. Thank you to our Business Administrator, Floro Villanueva, his staff, and the Board of Education Finance and Physical Plant Committee for their dedicated work in preparing the budget, which maintains all of our programs and staff so that we can continue the tradition of excellence in Closter Public Schools. The public hearing on the 2026-2027 Closter Public School Budget will take place at the Board of Education meeting on April 30, 2026. We invite all community members to attend.

Schools will be closed for spring recess from Monday, April 13, 2026, through Friday, April 17, 2026. Schools will reopen on Monday, April 20th. I wish everyone a spring break filled with rest, renewal, and time to recharge for the remaining ten weeks of school!

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