



## Superintendent's Report

November 19, 2025

Congratulations to the Board of Education candidates Janine Micera, Gal Paldi, and Gregory Shih who were uncontested and will continue on the Board of Education for three years. Congratulations also to Avishag Ravid, who won the open one year seat on the Board. The newly elected Board trustees will be sworn in at the reorganization meeting on January 7, 2026. We will recognize and thank our outgoing Board trustee, Jia Dee Li, at our meeting on December 10, 2025.



Tenakill Middle School held a Veterans Day Observance on November 11, 2025. It was a beautiful tribute to all veterans, but especially to the Closter veterans who attended. Thank you to the Korean Parent Group for providing lunch for the veterans and guests. A very special thank you to Ms. Cipollini, Ms. Abbey, Ms. Riecken, the Student Council, and all students who performed. It was a great patriotic observance of the holiday and a tribute to all who have served in our nation's military.

Today was Educational Support Professionals Day. We appreciate the dedicated educational support professionals who ensure that Closter Public Schools operate effectively every day. This group includes our paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians, maintenance workers, and others who assist teachers, administrators, and students. Their contributions are vital in creating an environment where every child can feel secure, learn, develop, and succeed. We celebrate and thank you for all you do!

Please support the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class through their Thanksgiving Pie sale! The final day to order pies is tomorrow, Thursday, November 20, 2025. [Orders can be placed online](#) and pies can be picked up on November 26, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Guzzo's Bakehouse, 149 Terrace St, Haworth, NJ. Visit the Closter PTO website for more information.

I must share the sad news that Alan Deroian, who served as principal of Village School from 1986 – 1994 and principal of Tenakill Middle School from 1994 – 2001, passed away on November 18, 2025. He dedicated many years to our district and made positive contributions to our district. He was principal at Tenakill during the 1995 addition. I met Mr. Deroian in June 2024, and he shared with me [links to videos from that project](#), which are a remarkable bit of our district's history. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

Schools will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, 2025, for Thanksgiving. On behalf of the Board of Education, I wish the entire Closter Public Schools community a joyful and happy Thanksgiving!

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