

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Middle School Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to provide accurate communication and inform you of *preliminary* action that was taken at the February 13, 2017 Glen Rock Board of Education (GRBOE) meeting with regard to an aspect of the 2017-18 school district budget. Trustees of the GRBOE are working diligently to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. The Glen Rock Board of Education 5YSP ad hoc committee presented its findings relative to district finances, and programs, to the general public over several meetings. Presentations included initial budget projections, community survey results and the final outcomes of the ad hoc committee work that included budget recommendations. The 5YSP ad hoc committee's work is being used to inform the GRBOE decision-making process relative to the school district budget. Preparing the annual school budget takes time; *preliminary* decisions are made and discussions continue with the goal of arriving at the best possible school district budget. There will be additional budget discussions and at least two additional work session meetings are scheduled to permit trustees to craft the *final* 2017 – 2018 school district budget that will be presented at a public GRBOE meeting on April 24, 2017. Your patience and understanding of this *preliminary* work is greatly appreciated by the administration and GRBOE.

The Glen Rock Public Schools aim to provide exceptional programs and services while simultaneously serving the public in a fiscally responsible manner. This means that sometimes difficult decisions must be made to craft a responsible budget with use of taxpayer dollars. This letter is to advise you that the GRBOE has identified several Middle School athletic offerings that are duplicated within the Glen Rock Borough Recreation program. This presents an opportunity for the district to exercise a fiscally responsible action without sacrificing opportunities for Middle School students. Once again, I must emphasize that the GRBOE is working on the *preliminary* budget. At Monday's meeting action was taken to eliminate Middle School athletic redundancies as follows:

- MS Girls and Boys Soccer
- MS Girls and Boys Basketball
- MS Softball
- MS Baseball

Students interested in the above sports will have the opportunity to participate through Glen Rock Borough Recreation programs. Glen Rock Middle School will continue to offer the following athletic programs for the 2017 – 2018 school year:

- MS Girls Volleyball
- MS Girls and Boys Cross Country
- MS Girls and Boys Track

At this time, the GRBOE has determined that exercising this efficiency during this *preliminary* phase of the budget process is best to prepare a fiscally responsible budget for presentation to the taxpayers in April 2017.

Sincerely,

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