

WEEKLY MESSAGE FROM

DR. KATHLEEN DAVIS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWS:

Dear Families,

The Board of Education will be adopting the spending plan for the 2024-2025 school year. The budget spending plan is \$266,454,264. We are dedicated to providing a strong program for students. We anticipate the levy will remain flat from the prior year. The budget hearing will be on May 7th and the budget vote will be May 21st.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Kathleen Davis  
Interim Superintendent

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARIANNE BUTTENSCHON'S 2024 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

We would like to congratulate the following Utica City School District Women of Distinction: Proctor High School students Evelyn Sheen and Kimora Lee Simmons, Donovan Middle School English teacher Jessica Kokoszki, Academic Coach/Program Manager for the Utica City School District Khinsoe Moe and Danielle Padula, Utica City School District Board of Education vice-president and Executive Director of Broadway Utica. Please visit our website to read all about why they received this award! [www.uticaschools.org](http://www.uticaschools.org)

ELEMENTARY NEWS: WATSON WILLIAMS INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Watson Williams held their annual International Night on Wednesday, March 6th. Students and their families were invited to bring in a cultural dish to share with everyone to highlight their nationality. Cultural displays were created by various classes and were displayed in the gym during the event. There were dance performances by several community groups. It was a great night spent learning about other cultures through food, posters, music, and dance!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS: JFK STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council presented the 6 pillars of character to students. This presentation focused on what respect means.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: GRAND OPENING EVENT

We are so excited for our Grand Opening Event and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Cinderella's Closet

and the Raider Nation Thrift Store that will be held Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 10:00am-2:00pm (ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 10:00am with the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce) at Proctor High School. This Grand Opening event is open to the community. Cinderella's Closet can be utilized by students for school dances, birthday parties, Quinceañera's and other special events. The Closet is accepting donations of new and gently used special occasion wear including dresses, gowns, men's suits, accessories, and dress shoes. Donations are being accepted all year long. Raiders Nation Thrift Shop is a NEW initiative led by Proctor's Key Club. Raiders Nation Thrift Shop is an innovative thrift store led by students for students. All items are \$5 or less, unless when purchasing brand new sneakers. RaidersNation Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday after school.

NJROTC TEAM CONGRATULATORY LETTER

Proctor High School's NJROTC Team received a Congratulatory Letter from Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon's office. Through their hard work, dedication and leadership, they have succeeded in securing a prestigious spot in the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl this June in historic Washington D.C, a city full of influential and powerful leaders.

ATHLETIC NEWS: GIRLS BOWLING TEAM

Section 3 came in 6th in the States this past weekend. Congrats to Proctor Bowler Kaitlyn Troung and the rest of the Section 3 Team!



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