

**CENTRAL PARENT COUNCIL  
COLD SPRING HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATUS AND RESOLUTION REPORT – OCTOBER 25, 2023**

**DISTRICT ITEMS**

- **2023-2024 District Goals were presented at the October Board of Ed meeting. To see the District Goals please refer to the District website.**
- **Presentations on Classroom Structure and the Support Systems Provided within & Educational Enrichment Opportunities**

**PARENT ITEMS**

- **Honors English class for 9<sup>th</sup> grade? (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> can accelerate in math earlier, otherwise English wait until 10<sup>th</sup>)**
  - Trying to stretch kids starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade math to bridge kids to be more successful in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, looking at transition years to better move more comfortably with rigor of the work. Independent reading is really valuable at home, doing work with JH teachers this year on small group instruction to differentiate.
- **Choices Subscription—multiple concerns and questions that the subscription is being held up by the Board of Education. *Does the Board typically concern itself with such a level of detail in curriculum? How do we best ensure students are prepared when they enter college? How is the social studies department involved in the selection? Are current classes being held up from using this? Does this subscription help teachers to address ‘sticky’ situations and guide difficult conversations? Desire for teachers to feel more comfortable talking about hard subjects without being fearful of backlash.***
  - Choices program was used two years ago in a class (last year’s teachers used as instructional resource) and it is not being used wholesale as curriculum but for history classes. Contract for Choices was given to BoE, who asked for more time to review resources, citing ‘lack of balance’. Mr. Danbusky and Ms. LaGattuta are looking for additional possibilities in absence of Humanities Director. Subscription hasn’t been denied it at this point.
  - BoE does have responsibility to oversee curricula program (funding, approve materials)
  - Making efforts to include materials that reflect the students
  - The Department had requested Choices and is aware it has been tabled and is using department meeting time to find other/additional options—rely on teachers to bring in
  - Balancing amount of time in class with the goal to teach kids to listen, search and respect peoples opinion
  - Refer people to review prior Board of Education meeting recordings where this was discussed and if parents have further questions or concerns, they should email the BoE.
- **Noting that Invest Grant is for \$7,500, how much do we expect students will need to fully complete the project and can we raise funds for it?**
  - Invent can we raise funds to supplement the \$7,500 grant they are getting for ticks?

**PREVIOUS ITEMS**

- Refer to the [2021-2022 S&R Reports](#) for an accounting of historical items.