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Back to School... I invite you to join me, along with the superintendent of schools, Ray Sanchez, in recognizing this September 2017 as Attendance Awareness Month throughout the Ossining School District.

The start of each school year presents an important opportunity to lift up an increasingly urgent issue: too many children are missing too many days of school. Consistent school attendance is an important issue that we can address when schools, families and community partners work together. Let us all do our part to send the message to our students that "Every Day Counts".

One way you may be able to support Ossining students arriving to school safely, is to leave for work a little early. Expect to see big yellow buses at frequent intervals, and please, please, please, follow the law and stop for school buses. Safety around school buses demands everyone's cooperation.

Connecting This Week

No Open Office Hours! Though I try to never schedule any conflicts with my regular Tuesday schedule, this week I'll be attending the Westchester County annual table top exercise for municipal leaders and first responders. This year's focus will be on strategic decision making and coordination for an event that could cause significant loss of life and damage. Next Tuesday, 9/12, I'll be back at the Board of Trustees office at 16 Croton Avenue ready to hear from community members on any topic, concern or idea of interest to you.

Join me for the **Weekly Walk** this Friday, September 8. We'll meet at Lucy's Pizza at 11am, then head south to zig zag through some blocks that we haven't covered in previous walks. While Office Hours take place at a consistent time each week, the Weekly Walk is scheduled to (hopefully) select a good weather day. I announce the meeting time and place each week in the Monday Mayor's Message. All are welcome to attend! We'll end the walk at First Village Coffee to shake hands and welcome new Village Manager Debbie McDonnell. (See the below invitation...)

Have a burning question or idea, but can't make it to Office Hours or the Weekly Walk?...

Email me (mayor@villageofossining.org), the Board of Trustees (bot@villageofossining.org) or Village Manager Debbie McDonnell (dmcdonnell@villageofossining.org).

Meet the Manager!

Last week new Village Manager Debbie McDonnell officially began her new job, and she now wants to meet you! Here are two opportunities to come introduce yourself and welcome Debbie to Ossining...

Friday, September 8, 12-2PM @ First Village Coffee
and

Saturday, September 16, 8:30AM-12PM @ Down to Earth Markets

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees,



Victoria Gearity, Ossining Mayor



Thank You!

Thank you to the labor force that makes the Village work and keeps us safe! Your pride in serving Ossining shows everyday.

The American work force is the foundation for our economy and our way of life. Let's honor the sacrifices and leadership of generations of laborers that brought us safe working conditions, a living wage, and weekends.

Like many Americans, today I'll be enjoying a cookout with family and friends, including my husband—the union laborer that provides a stable home for my family.

