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Fresh Kickoff For Schools

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Garden City is the latest school district to consider possibly changing school start times. At a recent board of education meeting, the district's School Starting Time Steering Committee, which has been doing extensive research on this topic, presented its findings. The committee, comprised of representatives from PTA, SEPTA, The Men's Association, district schools' site-based teams (SBT), a teacher, a student and district and building administrators, recommended Option #1—moving Garden City High School's starting time up to 8:30 from 7:40 a.m. in September 2018. Departing School Superintendent Dr. Robert Feirsen gave an introductory synopsis of the committee's findings. This potential policy change would effect all grades with the exception of grade 1.

"We are recommending to the board that new time schedules are adopted for Garden City Public Schools. We recommended the adoption of Option 1, beginning in September 2018. The committee also recommends the school district investigate the possibility for early morning childcare options," he explained. "It would be a district-run type of

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Interim Superintendent Named

At a special meeting held on June 6, the Board of Education of Garden City Public Schools announced its selection of an Interim Superintendent of Schools effective Aug. 1.

"The Garden City Board of Education is proud to announce that it has selected Dr. Alan Groveman to serve as interim superintendent," stated Board of Education president Angela Heineman. "Dr. Groveman's appointment was unanimously approved at a special board meeting held last night."

"Since Dr. Robert Feirsen announced his retirement in early April, the board of education has conducted an efficient and productive search process for an experienced educational leader to serve as interim superintendent of schools for the coming year," Heineman explained. "After an

extensive review process, Dr. Alan Groveman has emerged as the best qualified candidate. He has a lifetime of experience in the field of public education, and fully understands the role of interim superintendent and the challenges the position entails. He will begin his work in Garden City in July and assume the interim position on Aug. 1."

"Before retiring in 2013, and for 10 of his 40 years, Dr. Groveman served as superintendent of the Connetquot



Dr. Alan Groveman

Central School District in Suffolk County. Prior to that, he was assistant superintendent for administration and personnel and assistant superintendent for business and finance in the Levittown School District, as well as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Schools. Dr. Groveman teaches business and finance at the graduate level for St. John's University, and has consulted with schools and government agencies in areas such as strategic planning, capital projects, special education and school safety. He is a former president and Honorary Life Member of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association. Since retiring from Connetquot in 2013,

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Latin Student Stars Honored With Bronze



The National Junior Classical League sponsors two annual examinations: The National Latin Vocabulary Examination and the National Roman Civilization Exam. For the first time, members of the GCHS Latin Club elected to participate in these online exams. Four students competed in the National Latin Vocabulary Examination, and sophomores William Crowley and Lindsey Gambino merited bronze medals in the Latin 2 division. Four students also competed in the National Roman Civilization Exam, and Lindsey Gambino also merited a bronze medal and certificate in that competition. Students William Crowley and Lindsey Gambino are pictured here with Latin teacher Kathleen Durkin and world languages coordinator Peter Giacalone.

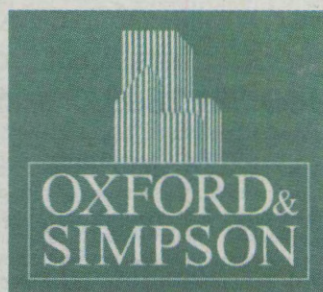
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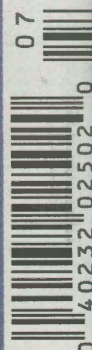
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