

**Solvay Union Free
School District**

2024-2025



**We develop
confident,
continual
learners who
are caring
community
members.**

Solvay Union Free School District

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Jay Tinklepaugh, Superintendent of Schools
Jessica Whisher-Hehl, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services
Karen Henry, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Christopher Boisselle, Director of Facilities
Ellen Sheehan, Director of Special Education
Nicole Goodeve, Teacher on Special Assignment (Assistant Director of Special Education)
Michael Herr, School Lunch Director
Bobbie Jo Eastman, Transportation Supervisor
Rory Malone, Coordinator of Multi-Tier System Supports (MTSS) & Interim Director of Instructional Systems & Technology Support
Diane Hagemann, High School Principal
Neil Gottlieb, Assistant High School Principal
James Rolince, Teacher on Special Assignment (Athletic Director)
Russ Stanton, Middle School Principal
Bridget Nadzan, Middle School Assistant Principal
Christine Miczan, Elementary School Principal
Terrence Case, Elementary School Dean of Students

2024-2025 Board of Education

Mr. Joseph Barnello
Mrs. Lena Rose Orlando
Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt
Mrs. Kristin Sunser-King
Mr. Stephen P. Zalewski

July 15, 2024 Re-Organizational & Regular Meeting

August 19, 2024
September 16, 2024
October 21, 2024
November 18, 2024
December 16, 2024
January 13, 2025 (2nd Monday)
February 10, 2025 (2nd Monday)
March 17, 2025
April 21, 2025
May 19, 2025
June 16, 2025

Board of Education meetings are generally held on the third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office, Room 105, 299 Bury Dr., Syracuse. *Please enter through the District Office entrance.*

Please read thru the text for important information and notices that apply to the entire school year.

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September 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 District Closed <i>Labor Day</i>	3 No School/No Out of District Transportation Staff Development Day	4 First Day of School Welcome Back!	5	6	7
8	9 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	10 SES Gr. 4 Band Sign Up 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15	16 SHS Picture Day Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	17 SMS PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 SMS Open House/Title I: Title I: 6:30 p.m. Open House: 7:00 p.m.	25	26 SHS Open House 6:00 p.m.	27	28
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HOW TO REACH US

Solvay Elementary School
701 Woods Road
Solvay, NY 13209
Grades K-4



Main Office 315-488-5422
School Nurse 315-484-1416
Psychologist 315-488-5422
Social Worker 315-488-5422
BOCES Program for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing 315-488-5071

K-4 Starting & Dismissal Times

Buses Unload 8:40 a.m.
Classes Begin 9:00 a.m.
Classes End 3:10 p.m.
Buses Depart 3:24 p.m.

Early Dismissal Time 11:30 a.m.

Solvay Middle School
299 Bury Drive
Syracuse, NY 13209
Grades PreK & 5-8



Main Office 315-487-7061
Guidance Office 315-487-7061
School Nurse 315-484-1413
Psychologist 315-487-7061
Social Worker 315-487-7061
BOCES Program for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (Gr.6-8) 315-488-2916

Gr. 5-8 Starting & Dismissal Times

Buses Unload 7:45 a.m.
Classes Begin 7:53 a.m.
Classes End 2:37 p.m.
Buses Depart 2:42 p.m.

PreK Starting & Dismissal Times

Classes Begin 9:00 a.m.
Classes End 3:00 p.m.

Early Dismissal Time

Gr. 5-8 10:55 a.m.
PreK 11:15 a.m.

Solvay High School
600 Gertrude Avenue
Solvay, NY 13209
Grades 9-12



Main Office 315-468-2551
Guidance Office 315-484-1401
School Nurse 315-484-1402
Psychologist 315-468-2551
Social Worker 315-468-2551
BOCES Program for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing 315-488-4008

Starting & Dismissal Times

Buses Unload 7:20 a.m.
Classes Begin 7:30 a.m.
Classes End 2:06 p.m.
Buses Depart 2:10 p.m.

Early Dismissal Time 10:24 a.m.

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Superintendent 315-468-1111
Assist. Superintendent for Educational Services 315-468-1111
Athletic Director 315-484-1400
Director of Facilities 315-468-7035
Business Office 315-468-4942
Transportation Office 315-487-5842
Interim Director of Instructional Systems & Technology Support 315-468-1111
Special Education Office 315-484-1412
Food Services 315-484-1403
Coordinator of Multi-Tier System Supports (MTSS) 315-468-1111
BOCES Program for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing 315-488-9034

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		1 Music Booster @ SHS 6:00 p.m.	2 Rosh Hashana	3	4	5
6	7 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10 SES Curriculum Night	11 Yom Kippur	12
13	14 District Closed Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day	15 SMS PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	16 SES Picture Day SHS Band Pops Concert 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	22 SMS Picture Day	23	24	25	26
27	28 SHS Picture Retake Day	29 Music Booster @ SHS 6:00 p.m.	30	31 SES Halloween Parade Half Day for Gr: PreK-4 Students (Parent Conferences)		

HEALTH AND DENTAL REMINDER

This serves as a reminder to all parents/guardians to check if all your children have the required immunizations. Parents/guardians, by the first day of school, for all new, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten students, you should present proof of immunization. New York State Education Law mandates that children entering school present a certificate from a physician or a previous school stating that immunizations have been administered (see chart below). Physicals are required upon entering school in grades Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 OR a new student to the district. A dental health certificate from your dentist is requested for the same grade levels requiring physicals. Parents are encouraged to have their own family physician give the physical; but if they do not, physicals may be automatically scheduled in school.

New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance¹

NOTES:

All children must be age-appropriately immunized to attend school in NYS. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine must be in accordance with the "ACIP-Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule." Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes must meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule

Vaccines	Pre-Kindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-K)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) ²	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap) ³		Not applicable	1 dose	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ⁴	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older		
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) ⁵	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine ⁶	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine ⁷	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸		Not applicable	Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

Parents/guardians of a student in the Solway Union Free School District, have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) who instruct their children. In accordance with the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, formerly known as No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), parents can ask for the following information about their child's classroom teacher(s):

- Whether the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he/she teaches.
- Whether NYSED has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teacher's aides, teaching assistants, or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you, as a parent/guardian, would like to receive any of this information, please send a written request to the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Jessica Whisher-Hehl, at this address: SUFSD, PO Box 980, Syracuse, NY 13209-0980. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

Any member of the public can check on the certification(s) of a teacher by going to this link: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/respublic/home.html>. On that page, select "TEACH Public Inquiry System," then follow the directions.

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					<div>1</div> <div>No School/No Out of District Transportation</div> <div>Staff Development Day</div>	<div>2</div>
<div>3</div> <div>Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2:00 a.m. Remember to move clocks back one hour.</div>	<div>4</div> <div>SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>End of 1st Marking Period</div>	<div>9</div>
<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>District Closed</div> <div>Veterans Day</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>SES Gr. K-I Math Night</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>
					SES PTO Book Fair	
<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Music Booster @ SHS 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>20</div> <div>SES Picture Retake Day</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>
<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>SMS Picture Retake Day</div> <div>SMS Variety Showcase</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>No School/No Out of District Transportation</div> <div>Thanksgiving Recess</div>	<div>28</div> <div>District Closed</div> <div>Thanksgiving Recess</div> <div>Thanksgiving Day</div>	<div>29</div> <div>District Closed</div> <div>Thanksgiving Recess</div>	<div>30</div>

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL, etc.

If you move, change your phone number, or email during the school year, you are required to notify your child's school. You also need to provide proof of residency for your new address. If your new address is not within the boundaries of our school district, then you will need to register with a school in the district where your new residence is located.

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS USED IN PUBLICATIONS/VIDEOS/WEB

Throughout the school year, photographs/videos may be taken of students during the day, at after school/evening activities, and/or sporting events for use in district publications including the district web site and/or news media. Parents who do not want their child(ren) photographed for these purposes are asked to send a note to your child's school principal. This is required to be completed annually. A simple written, signed note stating, "Please do not photograph my child(ren) {Student Name(s)} for use in publications, web." The note may be delivered in person or mailed to your child's school.

STUDENT USE OF COMPUTERS AT SCHOOL

The Board of Education's policy for student use of "computerized information resources" in our schools can be found on the District's website at www.solvayschools.org. If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact Rory Malone, Interim Director of Instructional Systems & Technology Support, at 315-468-1111 or rmalone@solvayschools.org.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

In the event of a closure or delay, due to inclement weather or poor driving conditions, notices will go out via *Parent Square*, email, appear on the district's web site, and news/radio media.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST and LUNCH PROGRAM

If you have any questions regarding the school's breakfast and/or lunch program, please contact the main office of the building where your child attends or the Food Service Office at 315-484-1403.

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015, and represents good news for our nation's schools. This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law and long-standing commitment to equal opportunity for all students.

The law builds on key areas of progress in recent years, made possible by the efforts of educators, communities, parents, and students across the country.

The previous version of the law, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, was enacted in 2002. NCLB represented a significant step forward for our nation's children in many respects, particularly as it shined a light on where students were making progress and where they needed additional support, regardless of race, income, zip code, disability, home language, or background. However, the district must also notify parents of their right and the rights of their children to request, in writing, that the district NOT release such information if it is requested.

Parents or students, who are at least 18 years of age, wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, must complete a waiver form, included in the high school's summer mailing, and return the completed form to the attention of the Principal, Solvay High School, 600 Gertrude Avenue, Solvay, NY 13209.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLANS

As provided under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, (AHERA – EPA 40 CFR 763), the Solvay Union Free School District hereby makes known the steps it has taken to comply with AHERA and the availability of Asbestos Management Plans.

Beginning in 1989, all district owned facilities were inspected for asbestos and management plans were developed for each building according to the requirements of AHERA. The district conducts re-inspections every three (3) years. Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES Safety Department was contracted to complete the 2007 AHERA Triennial Inspection of all facilities and update the Asbestos Management Plans.

Periodic surveillance of asbestos containing building materials is conducted every six (6) months.

The custodial and maintenance staff has undergone two-hour asbestos awareness training.

All response actions taken are within Federal and State guidelines.

Asbestos management plans may be viewed at the Facilities Office during normal hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information please contact the Director of Facilities, L.E.A. Designee, at 315-468-7035.

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8	9 SMS PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	10 SHS Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	11	12 SMS Gr. 7/8 Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15 SHS Choral Collaborative @ St. Charles 10:00 a.m.	16 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	17 SMS Gr. 5/6 Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20	21
		SES Holiday Shops				
22	23 No School Holiday Recess	24 No School Holiday Recess Christmas Eve	25 District Closed Christmas Day Hanukkah	26 No School Holiday Recess Kwanzaa	27 No School Holiday Recess	28
29	30 No School Holiday Recess	31 No School Holiday Recess New Year's Eve				

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS and PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the school principal receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Solvay Union Free School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202.

Directory Information Notification:

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Solvay Union Free School District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Solvay Union Free School District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow Solvay Union Free School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include: a playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production; the annual yearbook; honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs; and sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.¹

If you do not want Solvay Union Free School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the school principal in writing by within 30 days of entering school. Solvay Union Free School District has designated the following information as directory information: student's name, address, telephone, email, photograph/video, date and place of birth, attendance, grade, sports, weight and height, awards, student ID number or any other unique identifier. Please include the parent/guardian name, address, and telephone number.

¹These laws are: Section 9528 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 7908) and 10 U.S.C. § 503(c).

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12	13 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	14 SMS PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20 District Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 Music Booster @ SHS 6:00 p.m.	22 SES Gr. 4 Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m. @ SMS	23	24 End of 2 nd Marking Period	25
			NYS Regents Exams at SHS			
26	27	28	29 No School/No Out of District Transportation Asian Lunar New Year	30	31	

TRANSPORTATION and SAFETY

With a new school year, we again remind all students and parents of the importance of taking special care of the safety concerning our “precious cargo” who are transported on the school bus. The drivers and staff of the Transportation Department have an EXCELLENT safety record, which we want to maintain and extend.

Parents can help greatly in this effort. Below is some information for parents to help us provide safe and efficient transportation for your school children:

- Transportation eligibility is based on distance.
 - PreK are eligible if age 4. If child is not age 4 until December 1, the parent(s)/guardian is responsible for transportation.
 - Grades PreK-8 are eligible if they live .5 miles or more from school.
 - Grades 9-12 if they live 1.0 mile or more from school.
- All PreK and Kindergarten students must be accompanied to the bus stop and be met at the drop-off points. Students who are not met, or who are met by someone unfamiliar to the bus driver, will be returned to the school after an attempt to contact the parent/guardian by telephone. Bus stops are not necessarily door-to-door for kindergarten students. There are many factors used in determining each child's pick-up and drop-off locations.
- All changes in routes must be discussed with and approved by the Transportation Supervisor only. Drivers are not allowed to make any changes to their route without the prior approval by the Supervisor.
- Carrying things on the bus: Only packages or instruments that can fit on your child's lap can be brought onto the bus. Please make alternate plans for carrying large packages or projects to and from school.
- A key part of bus safety is student discipline. Your support in implementing our bus discipline is needed and greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call the Transportation Department at 315-487-5842 regarding any questions about bus discipline and/or Bus Conduct Reports.
- Transportation is between home and school only. Parents/guardians must complete a Transportation Request Form if the student is going to be transported to or from an address other than home. **This form must be filled out and submitted each school year, or whenever there is a change in transportation needs.** You can obtain a form by visiting our web site, the school building secretary, or at our office located at 399 Beach Road in Lakeland. Note: No changes will be made until it is submitted in writing and you have been notified by the Transportation Department that the request has been received and approved.
- Only students who reside inside the Solvay Union Free School District may ride on our buses.
- House numbers should be visible.
- How to cross safely in front of the bus. Go out ten (10) feet, wait for the driver's universal crossing signal, and look both ways.
- Never run to or return to pick up something dropped in front of or near the bus. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the door has opened before walking towards the bus. Wait for the bus away from the road.
- Parents should be aware of the dangers to children concerning drawstrings on clothing and on some backpacks. We still encourage the use of backpacks, but without any strings or dangling objects. Toys making loud noises should not be taken on the bus as well as any objects that could distract the driver. All books, pens, school supplies, etc. that are carried onto the bus should be placed in a backpack or similar device.
- Students should arrive at their bus stop five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time of their bus.

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2	3 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6 SES Gr. 2-4 Math Night	7	8
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16	17 District Closed <i>Presidents' Day</i>	18 No School Winter Recess	19 No School Winter Recess	20 No School Winter Recess	21 No School Winter Recess	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 SHS Musical 7:00 p.m.	

DISTRICT STADIUM POLICY

Philosophy

In the Solvay Union Free School District, we hope to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all spectators and participants at stadium events. We also want to protect the stadium from damage. Therefore, we have these guidelines for behavior, sportsmanship, respect, and stadium use.

Behavior

All participants and spectators will be expected to politely and courteously conduct themselves at all times. For example, there will be no fighting, pushing, or shoving. Additionally, spectators will not be running through the stadium, especially on the bleachers and handicap ramp. Inappropriate or dangerous behaviors will not be allowed.

The stadium environment will be respected and spectators will not be allowed to throw objects or to litter the facility. Violators will be asked to leave the stadium and school grounds.

Sportsmanship

The Solvay Union Free School District expects all spectators and participants to display good sportsmanship. According to Section III rules noisemakers of any type are not allowed at athletic contests. This includes, but is not limited to thunder-sticks, penny-filled containers, air horns, etc. We also expect all spectators and participants to comply with Section III of the N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. The spectator code of behavior/ethics includes:

1. Direct all energies to encouraging your team.
2. Avoid actions that offend visiting teams or individual players.
3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a more intelligent spectator.
5. Treat all visiting teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated. Respectfully accept the judgment of coaches and officials.
6. Encourage other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
7. Be positive and support your team.
8. Be respectful of and comply with the directives of all stadium event staff.
9. All portions of the Solvay High School Code of Conduct are in effect and will apply to infractions.

Respect

The Solvay Union Free School District expects all spectators and participants to behave respectfully and conduct themselves in a positive manner. We will not tolerate the use of profanity, abusive language, taunting of athletes, officials, spectators, or event staff. The Dress Code will be enforced. There will be no indecent exposure. Spectators will comply with our Code of Conduct that prohibits inappropriate displays of public affection. Violators will comply with event staff directives, or they will be asked to leave the stadium and school grounds.

Stadium Rules

Spectators will leave all pets at home. The only animals allowed in the stadium are assisted living or seeing eye dogs. New York State Law prohibits the possession or use of tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol anywhere on school grounds at any time. Spectators will not possess or throw recreational objects, such as beach balls, Frisbees, balls, etc. All student spectators will be seated in the bleachers. All spectators may be seated at the discretion of event staff for health and safety reasons. Spectators will not stand in the "No Loitering Zones". Elementary and middle school students should be supervised by a parent/guardian at events held at the stadium.

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March 2025

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<div>9</div> <div>Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2:00 a.m. Remember to move clocks ahead one hour.</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>District Band Festival @ SHS 7:00 p.m.</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Snow Date - District Band Festival @ SHS 7:00 p.m.</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>
<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.</div> <div>St. Patrick's Day</div>	<div>18</div> <div>SMS PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Music Booster @ SHS 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>SES Open House 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>
<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>SMS Musical 7:00 p.m.</div>	<div>29</div> <div>SMS Musical 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.</div>
<div>30</div>	<div>31</div> <div>No School/No Out of District Transportation</div> <div>Staff Development Day</div>					

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Attendance

Legal reasons for absences or tardiness include: college visit, cooperative work program, court appearance, disciplinary action, family emergency, field trips, funeral, health appointments, illness, impassable roads or weather, late bus, military obligations, quarantine, religious observance, road test, or sanctioned academic or athletic event. Absence or tardiness for any other reason is considered illegal. Parents are required to write a signed excuse to the school when a student returns after being absent or tardy. New York State requires the district to maintain a file of written excuses for at least one year.

At the high school, the Board of Education has established a minimum attendance rate of 85% as a requirement for successful completion of each course. Whenever a student's attendance falls below 85% in any course, for any reason, his/her grade is automatically carried as an incomplete.

Anonymous Reporting of Bullying/Cyberbullying, Discrimination and/or Harassment

Any student who believes that he/she is being subjected to bullying/cyberbullying, discrimination and/or harassing behavior, as well as any other person who has knowledge of or witnesses any possible occurrence of such, may report the behavior anonymously utilizing the TipLine located on the District web page at www.solvayschools.org

Tobacco-Free Schools

Smoking/tobacco use, including e-cigarettes/e-cigs/vaporizers, are prohibited within and on all district owned, rented, or leased buildings, property, and vehicles. This prohibition applies to public, staff, and students, and extends to private vehicles when on school property. The penalty for smoking on school property may be as high as \$2,000 for each violation.

Permission Slip Requirement

Permission slips are required for the following: all field trips and special transportation requests. A physician's note and other requirements are necessary for medications administered in school.

Academic Eligibility for Sports and Co-curricular Activities

Students in grades 7-12 who wish to exercise their privilege to participate in sports and school-sponsored clubs must carry at least five (5) classes plus physical education, maintain an overall average of 65 and be failing no more than one (1) subject to remain eligible. Eligibility must be maintained each marking period for participation to continue. A complete copy of the eligibility policy is available in the main office of the middle and high schools.

Use of District Facilities *(Brief Summary)*

Community organizations wishing to make occasional use of school district facilities are directed to the school's website (www.solvayschools.org) to complete an online facility use request. To ensure that there is sufficient time for the board to consider a request, such requests should be completed online at least five (5) weeks before the planned event for which the facility is needed.

Visitors to our Schools

District residents are always welcome in our place of learning. However, we ask that all visitors report immediately to the building's main office with your driver's license so that it can be scanned and reviewed by the building's verification system. It is more important than ever before to ensure the proper identification of everyone who enters and moves about in our buildings so that we may ensure the security of the buildings and the safety of students, staff, and guests.

Student Phones/Electronic Devices

Electronic devices that are brought to the school setting are done so at the student's own risk. The school district assumes no responsibility for damage, loss or theft or personal electronic devices on school property or at any school activity/function.

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6	7 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11 End of 3 rd Marking Period	12
13	14 No School Spring Recess	15 No School Spring Recess	16 No School Spring Recess	17 No School Spring Recess	18 District Closed Spring Recess Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	22 SMS PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26 SHS Junior Prom
27	28	29 Music Booster @ SHS 6:00 p.m.	30			

ABOUT THE DISTRICT

The Solvay Union Free School District is one of the oldest, independent school districts in central New York, organized in the late 1800's. The district encompasses 10 square miles west of Syracuse comprised of the Village of Solvay, the Lakeland area, and parts of the towns of Geddes and Camillus. Students from the Lyncourt Union Free School District also attend Solvay High School.

Solvay Elementary School (Grades K-4)

**Christine Miczan, Principal
Terrence Case, Dean of Students**

A student's elementary education, in some instances, beginning kindergarten through fourth grade. Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age by December 1 to register. Registration is held in early March and entrants are screened in May and June, and an orientation program is held in late August.

The school embraces Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS), encouraging students to be respectful, responsible, and safe. PBIS is supported by acknowledging students for their positive behaviors at weekly school-wide community based meetings.

Our teachers engage students in hands on activities in all of the core subject areas: math, social studies, ELA, and science. Students receive a rich education in art, music, library, and physical education. Classrooms are equipped with the latest technology devices used to prepare our students for 21st century skills.

The elementary school program provides the foundation for our student's formative years in education. Of major emphasis is on early literacy. We encourage parents/guardians to read with your child for at least 20 minutes each day. Our combined efforts will insure that your child is ready for their middle level education.

Solvay Middle School (Grades PreK & 5-8)

**Russ Stanton, Principal
Bridget Nadzan, Assistant Principal**

Solvay Middle School houses students in grades PreK and 5-8 and provides a well-rounded educational experience. Students in PreK follow a typical elementary schedule, while students in grades 5-8 follow a typical middle school schedule. We expect students to be respectful, responsible, ready to learn, and safe. Students not only receive support from the instructional and administrative staff, but have access to counselors, school psychologist, social worker, and Promise Zone.

During their years at SMS students are given the opportunity to explore their abilities, talents, and interests. We offer a variety of co-curricular activities and clubs, in addition to a number of accelerated and advanced classes.

Solvay High School (Grades 9-12)

**Diane Hagemann, Principal
Neil Gottlieb, Assistant Principal**

A student's high school experience is preparation for adult life. Students along with their parents and school counselor develop their daily schedule which includes required courses along with a variety of electives. The New York State Board of Regents requires all students to earn a minimum of 22 credits to receive a high school diploma.

In preparation for college, Solvay High School offers 40 college courses. Students who choose one or more of these courses may gain flexibility in the college schedule and possibly save on tuition. College courses are offered through Onondaga Community College (OCC), Cayuga Community College, Syracuse University, and SUNY ESF.

Solvay High School partners with Onondaga Community College to offer two unique opportunities. 1) The OCC Advantage Program is open to all incoming 9th graders. Upon meeting the program requirements over their four years of high school, graduating seniors will be eligible to receive full funding to attend OCC. 2) The Solvay Success Academy gives students the opportunity to work towards earning an associate's degree from OCC during their high school career. Students must apply and be accepted into Solvay Success Academy.

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4	5 SES PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	6	7 SMS PreK Information Night 6:00 p.m.	8	9 SHS Senior Ball No School/No Out of District Transportation Staff Development Day	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Budget Hearing @ SHS Aux. Gym 6:00 p.m.	13 SMS PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	14 SMS NJHS Induction Ceremony 7:00 p.m.	15 SHS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	20 Budget Vote @ SHS noon-9:00 p.m. Full Plate Dinner @ SHS 5:00-7:00 p.m.	21 SMS Gr. 7/8 Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	22 SHS Scholarship Night 7:00 p.m.	23	24
25	26 District Closed Memorial Day	27 Music Booster @ SHS 6:00 p.m.	28 SHS Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m.	29 SHS Varsity Athletic Celebration 6:00 p.m.	30	31

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8	9	10 SES Gr. 4 Band & Chorus Concert 7:00 p.m. <div>New NYS Life Science Regents</div>	11 <div>New NYS Geometry Regents</div>	12 SMS Gr. 5-7 Award Breakfast	13 SES Flag Day Celebration	14
15 Father's Day	16 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	17 <div>NYS Regents Exams</div>	18 SES Gr. 4 Moving Up Ceremony: 2:15-3:00 p.m. SES Gr. 4 Dance: 3:00-5:00 p.m.	19 No School/No Out of District Transportation <i>Juneteenth</i>	20 <div>NYS Regents Exams</div>	21 SHS Graduation 11:00 a.m.
22	23	24 SMS Gr. 8 Moving Up Ceremony 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27 Regents Rating Day Staff Development Day End of 4 th Marking Period	28
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13	14 Annual Board of Education Mtg. 5:45 p.m. (tentative) Regular Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m. (tentative)	15	16	17	18	19
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10	11 SMS PreK Orientation 6:00 p.m. (tentative)	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Board of Education Mtg. 6:00 p.m. (tentative)	19	20	21	22	23
	SMS Locker Distribution (tentative)					
24	25	26	27 SMS Gr. 5 Orientation 6:00 p.m. (tentative)	28	29	30
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CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY

The mission of the Solvay Union Free School District is to develop confident, continual learners who are caring community members. With this in mind, the District's Code of Conduct outlines and supports equitable school communities that are relationship-driven, affirming, and culturally responsive. The practice of prioritizing relationships within the schools helps to create a more caring community for all learners.

This document was created in collaboration with the Solvay community, including students, family members, faculty and staff, administrators, community members, and the Solvay Board of Education for the purposes of creating a safe and productive learning community that promotes the growth and development of all. This document acts as the Districts' social contract to promote and encourage:

- All parties are learning and growing
- Cultural responsiveness
- Community partnerships
- Reflection
- Pathways forward
- Social-Emotional well-being and growth
- Nurturing environment
- Trauma-informed practices
- Communicating values and expectations

As a District, we recognize that our community comprises a myriad of backgrounds and life experiences; it is the responsibility of all involved parties (students, teachers, other Solvay personnel, parents, and visitors) to achieve the goal in creating a safe and productive learning environment where all participants can thrive. We seek to create an atmosphere of belonging for all involved parties, including Solvay Bearcats and guests, where all are treated with dignity and respect.

Members of the school community must also respect themselves through an understanding and appreciation of their own individuality. It is only through this knowledge and respect for self that we become empowered with the ability to extend this respect to others, to acknowledge the expression of uniqueness in others, and to give of ourselves in assisting others to develop a stronger sense of self.

All members must demonstrate respect for the beliefs and values of others. We must be active and positive in our respect, curtailing acts or language that would diminish another and having empathy for individual differences. At the same time, expression of one's individuality must demonstrate respect for the environment and for the health, safety, personal property, and dignity of others. Participating parties are encouraged to be conscientious of the fact that their daily tasks, activities, and responsibilities can impact the greater learning community, both on and off-campus during school-sponsored activities.

In accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act, School District policy and practice must ensure that no student is subject to discrimination or harassment, based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity or sex by school employees or students on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function.

Finally, members and visitors must encourage and expect each other to be positive, contributing members of the school community by accepting the responsibilities associated with our respective roles in public education.

The District's dress code policy promotes safety and belonging - crucial tenets of a positive school culture. It is also intended to provide guidance to prepare students for their roles in the workplace and society.

All individuals should be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of unnecessary discipline or body shaming.

All students, staff, and visitors should understand that they are responsible for dressing in a way that is safe, and appropriate, and does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process. A person's clothes, dress, garments, and overall appearance shall not interfere with the health, safety, learning, and well-being of others in the school community.

School administrators and staff can intervene in situations where clothing or garments serve to: dehumanizes groups or individuals; promotes hate or encourages violence; promotes or endorses the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs and/or other illegal or violent activities; or materially and substantially interferes with the requirements of appropriate discipline and/or operation of the school in a safe manner.

CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (continued)

Students who violate the student dress code shall be required to modify their appearance to comply with the dress code in accordance with the approval of the administration. Any student who refuses to comply do so shall be subject to discipline, up to and including suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including additional out-of-school suspension.

RANGE OF CONSEQUENCES FOR BEHAVIOR RELATED OFFENSES			
I	II	III	IV
Conference with student	Time-out or out of classroom	Removal from class	*Out-of-school suspension (long-term)
Communication with parent	Loss of privilege	*Suspension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-school Out-of-school (short-term) 	*Alternative placement
Conference with staff	Detention	*Removal from school property	**Expulsion (permanent suspension)
Counseling	Restrictions	*Police notification/request for assistance	
Warning/verbal reprimand		*Restitution	
		*Administrator action only **Superintendent action only	

Offense	Definition	Range of Consequences
Alcohol/Drug Violation	Possessing, consuming, selling, attempting to sell, distributing or exchanging alcoholic beverages, prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs, tobacco, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, vape pens, dap pens, and/or illegal and/or controlled substances, counterfeit and designer drugs, or paraphernalia for use of such drugs or be under the influence of any such substances on school property or at a school function, on a school bus, or in a school vehicle. A student shall be considered "under the influence" if they have used any quantity of an illegal or unauthorized substance or alcohol within a time period reasonably proximate to their presence on school property, on a school bus, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored function and/or exhibits symptoms of such use as a lead to the reasonable conclusion of such consumption.	III-IV
Arson/Fire	Attempting to, aiding in, or setting fire to a building or other property.	III-IV
Assault on Staff/Students/ Others	Assault, or aggressive physical action, directed at students, staff, or others, including a situation where a staff member is intervening in a fight or other disruptive activity.	III-IV
Bullying	Bullying is any unwelcome act or behavior that involves a real or perceived threat. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time, and intentionally or unintentionally causes another individual to feel afraid, intimidated, humiliated, or uncomfortable. Bullying behavior includes intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another student or staff member, such as sending or posting inappropriate or derogatory content when such use interferes with the operation of the school; or infringes upon the general health, safety and welfare of students or employees.	II-IV
Cyberbullying	Cyberbullying is "willful and repeated harm or perceived harm inflicted through the use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willful: The behavior has to be deliberate, not accidental. Repeated: Bullying reflects a pattern of behavior, not just one isolated incident. Harm: The target must perceive that harm was inflicted. Computers, cell phones, gaming platforms. This list is meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive. 	II-IV
Cheating/Academic Dishonesty	Copying, plagiarizing, altering records, or assisting another in such actions, including the unauthorized use of AI	I-III
Classroom Policy Violation	Behavior that is in violation of established classroom policies and/or procedures.	I-II

CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (continued)

Offense	Definition	Range of Consequences
Electronic Device Misuse	Any unauthorized use of electronic devices such as but not limited to: computers, software, or internet/intranet account to access internet/intranet; accessing another's e-mail or an inappropriate website; misuse of a website. This includes any violations of the District's acceptable use policy as well as actions that attempt or succeed in circumventing any of the District's safety measures such as, but not limited to content filters and predictive settings on devices and/or accounts as well as the access of inappropriate websites or internet content. This includes the use of non-district devices or systems used within the district (i.e. an unauthorized outside wireless network). The District prohibits use of personal technology in locker rooms, rest rooms, health offices, classrooms, and any other areas where a person would reasonably expect some degree of personal privacy. Recording or videotaping of instruction and/or classroom activities is prohibited unless permission is given by a staff member and anyone in the recording or video. *Electronic device damage should be included in Destruction of Property/Vandalism: Damage, destruction, or defacement of property belonging to another or the school including electronic devices.	I-IV
Defamation	False or unprivileged statement or representation about an individual or identifiable group of individuals that harm the reputation of the person or the identifiable group. This can include posting or publishing text, video, audio recordings or pictures by any electronic or non-electronic means.	I-III
Destruction of Property/ Vandalism	Damage, destruction, or defacement of property belonging to another person or the school including electronic devices.	II-IV
Discrimination	Discrimination, based on a person's actual or perceived race, age, sexual orientation, hearing dog or service dog, color, creed, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, sex, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity, marital or veteran status, use of a recognized guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, or disability as a basis for treating another in a negative manner on school property or at a school function. "Discrimination" means (the unfair or unjust or prejudicial treatment of people and groups based on... DASA language above) discrimination against any student by a student or students and/or employee or employees on school property or at a school function including, but not limited to, discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.	I-IV
Disrespect Toward Others	Inappropriate comment or physical gesture to a student, teacher, staff member or other adult.	I-II
Disruption	Behavior that is substantially disruptive and/or disturbing of the educational process or overall atmosphere of the school. This includes anything that substantially interferes with the teacher's ability to lead the classroom and/or the other students' ability to learn. This also includes behavior that interferes with the safe and cooperative environment of the school or school activity.	I-III
Driving/Parking Violations	Failure to obey all state, district and campus traffic and parking signs and rules.	I-III
Failure to Serve Assigned Consequences	Failure to serve detention, Saturday detention, suspension or other assigned consequences.	I-III
False Alarms/Bomb Threats/ Tampering with Safety Equipment	Initiating a report or warning of fire, or catastrophe without valid cause, such as: misuse of 911, or discharging a fire extinguisher, tampering with emergency equipment (fire alarms, extinguishers, PA system, defibrillators, exit signs, security cameras/systems, etc.	III-IV
Fighting	A hostile confrontation with physical contact involving two or more individuals.	III-IV
Fireworks or Explosives	Possession, use, and/or threat to use a firework, including a firecracker or sparkler, smoke bomb, flare, combustible or explosive substance, or look alike.	III-IV
Gambling	Wagering money or property or facilitating the process of wagering money or property.	I-III
Harassment	Harassment, the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical wellbeing based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, political affiliation, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, marital or veteran status, use of a recognized guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex.	II-IV
Insubordination	Refusing to follow reasonable requests of teachers, staff or administration, including failure to identify self or knowingly providing false information.	I-III

CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (continued)		
Offense	Definition	Range of Consequences
Leaving school grounds without permission	Leaving school grounds during regular school hours without written or verbal permission from parent/guardian, administrator or someone listed on the emergency procedure card.	I-III
Profanity	Using vulgar or abusive language, cursing or swearing in writing, gestures, or verbal expression.	I-II
Sexual Harassment	Unwanted or inappropriate verbal, written or physical conduct of a sexual nature directed toward another person.	II-IV
Theft	Taking or obtaining property of another without permission of the owner.	I-IV
Threat to Staff/Student/Other Person	Expression conveyed by word or action, of intent to abuse, intimidate, coerce or injure a staff member, student or other person.	I-IV
Tuancy	Any absence without parental knowledge and/or permission for a day or any portion of a day for any reason other than those cited as lawful (as listed in the student handbook).	I-III
Weapon Possession	Possession of a device, instrument, material or substance that can cause serious physical injury or death if used as a weapon.	III-IV

Student Searches and Interrogations by District Officials

Any school official authorized to impose a disciplinary penalty on a student may question a student about an alleged violation of law or the district code of conduct. Students are not entitled to any sort of Miranda type warning before being questioned by district officials, nor are district officials required to contact a student's parent before questioning the student. However, district officials will tell all students why they are being questioned. In addition, the Board authorizes Solvay school nurses, Principals, program supervisors, and teachers to conduct searches of students and their belongings if the district official has reasonable suspicion to believe that the search will result in evidence that the student violated the law or the district code of conduct. A district official may conduct a search of a student's belongings that is minimally intrusive, such as touching the outside of a book bag, without reasonable suspicion, so long as he or she has a legitimate reason for the very limited search.

Searches of Lockers, Desks, and Other School Storage Places

Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy with respect to these places and school officials retain complete control over them. This means that student lockers, desks and other school storage places may be subject to search at any time by school officials, with the support of trained scent dogs when deemed appropriate by school officials, without prior notice to students and without their consent.

Visitors to the Schools

Parents and other district residents are encouraged to visit the district's schools. However, since schools are places of work and learning, certain limits must be set for such visits. The specifics of those limits are covered in Board of Education Policy # 3210. The following rules apply to all visitors:

1. Anyone who is not a regular staff member or student of the particular school building visited is considered a "visitor".
2. The Principal of the school must be contacted by the person or group wishing to visit, and prior approval must be obtained for the visit.
3. Except for those who are attending a public meeting, performance, or athletic contest, visitors are expected to report to the building's main office upon arrival at the school.
4. Individuals who wish to observe a classroom while school is in session are required to arrange such visits in advance with the classroom teacher, so that classroom disruption is kept to a minimum.
5. Anyone visiting the schools must abide by the rules of public conduct contained in this code as well as those found in Board of Education Policy # 3410 "Code of Conduct on School Property".

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