



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

I trust this email finds you well and wish you a very Happy New Year. Please see the below updates from around the district and make it a great day!

Bond Referendum Community Engagement Session

Next Tuesday, January 9th, from 7 to 8:30 PM, the Board of Education will host a special virtual meeting to solicit community feedback regarding our proposed referendum. To prepare accordingly, we are asking all individuals interested in participating in the bond question and answer period to sign up before January 9th at 12:30 PM. Individuals who do not register will still have the opportunity to observe the meeting online and participate in the public comment section of the meeting. We are asking individuals to register beforehand so we can understand the total number of participants to conduct an efficient and productive meeting. Please see the signup link below. I've attached to this email a summary of all the planned projects and a narrative of the approvals for you to look over prior to this meeting. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0EFDAjuXVMdc_JtBUANsYkVt_gFx5jI9SE_P_GfPTJ9m_2g/viewform

Donation

Our school community has received several generous donations over the last several weeks and months. You may recall my previous announcements regarding contributions to HTEF, the William G. Rohrer Foundation's generous grant, the Van Sciver PTA's new playground equipment, and more. Most recently, I was notified of another unexpected contribution. As some may be aware, Haddon Township Music Teacher Mr. Matt Cappy played trumpet as part of a recent music album, "A Philly Special Christmas Special." Because proceeds from this album exceeded expectations, Mr. Cappy helped to facilitate a \$15,000 contribution from the album producer to the Haddon Township Performing Arts Guild. A link to the album is below, and Mr. Cappy's trumpet can be best heard on tracks "*This Christmas* (with Patti LaBelle) and "*All I Want for Christmas*." I've included a link to this album for you below. <https://music.apple.com/us/album/a-philly-special-christmas-special/1713235425>

RMS Entrance

I am pleased to report a vital safety improvement has been completed at Rohrer Middle. The school entrance will now require a second "buzz in" for visitors to access the school. This improvement aligns with best practices recommended for school security and is consistent with our elementary schools. A similar improvement for HTHS is planned as part of our March Referendum.

Winter Sports Lower Gym Livestream

We recently installed a fixed camera in the lower gym so working parents, grandparents/friends/relatives who may be out of the area can view our athletes who compete in competition in the lower gym. This includes varying levels of basketball and home wrestling matches. Please stay tuned for additional updates from the Athletic Director, Mr. George. A fixed Hudl camera will soon be installed at Rechinno Turf for Spring Sports Livestream viewership.

Sad News

I am sad to report that Haddon Township High School coaching legend Mr. Miller Preston passed away over winter break on December 30th. I had the opportunity to meet Coach Preston last spring at our annual Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony while honoring a championship golf team that he also guided. However, coach Preston's largest contributions were in wrestling, where his legacy lives on the victories, lessons, and memories cherished by so many that he impacted. Please take a look at Miller Preston's obituary below.

<https://www.obrienfuneralhome.com/memorials/miller-preston/5352931/>

Thank you very much for your continued support and partnership and have a great day.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent