



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

On behalf of the Board of Education, I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope your day is filled with moments of joy, warmth, and reflection while you spend time with family and loved ones. Please consider joining us tomorrow to support our varsity Football Team, Cheer Squad, Dance Team, and Band as we take the field vs. visiting Audubon. **Kickoff will be at 11 am, but festivities will begin at 10:35, and our Homecoming Ceremony will occur at halftime.** Please see more updates from around the district below:

New Principal Stoy/Jennings

Beginning in January, we will officially **welcome Mrs. Lori Massey as the newest member of our administrative team, who will serve as Principal of Stoy and Jennings Schools** after Dr. Warfield's retirement. Mrs. Massey is an experienced educational leader, previously serving in leadership positions in Pennsauken, Delran, and Monroe Township School Districts. Her selection was part of a rigorous interview process that included participation from various administrative team members, teaching staff, and PTA representatives. Please stay tuned for dates and details regarding upcoming opportunities to meet Mrs. Massey and join me in welcoming her to the Haddon Township School District.

Bond Referendum Planning

After a successful meeting with leaders from many of our school community groups, **we will have a referendum planning, feedback, and listening session open to all community members scheduled for December 6th at 6:30 pm in the Media Center.** Attached is the most updated presentation of the scope of the projects, and we are excited to move forward with these community engagement sessions. Following last week, we are confident in support for the referendum from leadership constituents from the HT Education Association, HT Administrators' Association, Zone PTA, HT Education Foundation, HT Visual & Performing Arts Guild, HT Athletic Association, HT Mayor's Office, and more but **will be asking for all community members feedback and endorsement to pass a successful referendum on March 12th, 2024.** If you cannot join us on December 6th, a follow-up virtual session will be planned for the first two weeks of January. Please stay tuned.

Tutoring Grant

I am happy to announce that the NJ Department of Education has **accepted our grant proposal for third and fourth-grade supplemental tutoring, and we have been awarded \$115,000.** Over the next few weeks, we will develop a proposal request and decide on the most effective implementation model for the supplemental support. Please join me in applauding Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Chantelle Shorter, who authored this successful grant.

High School Television Studio

We are continuing to move forward with implementing a television studio at Haddon Township High School, and **all of the necessary equipment has been purchased and delivered**. At last week's Board Meeting, HTHS graduate Dom Francesconi was also approved as a project consultant and will provide hands-on technical support while we set up the new studio and equipment. Mr. Francesconi is also a recent graduate of Rowan University, where he was a member of the Rowan Television Network. We will begin utilizing the studio as part of an after-school club to introduce students to elements of television broadcasting and communication, and we are excited about the next steps of this initiative.

Grading Scale Update

Also, at last week's Board Meeting, we received a significant amount of public comment regarding our high school grading scale. I want to reiterate our commitment to listening to all perspectives on this topic and the importance of collecting data, evidence, and feedback from various sources, including university admissions officers, which takes time. The most appropriate time to make **decisions** on school district policies such as this will be in the spring as we adopt district goals aligned with our budget. Thank you again for your patience on this matter, and below is a link to last week's meeting of the Board of Education.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GWTti6c7Tk>

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent