



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

State Aid/School Budget

Last week, we received news that our appeal to the New Jersey Department of Education for a full reinstatement of state aid was **unsuccessful**. However, yesterday, we welcomed more positive news from our legislators as the NJ Assembly passed a bill that will create a grant pathway to help us restore **two-thirds** of the reduced funds to minimize cuts in personnel and student programs. While we are certainly thankful for this step in the right direction, a significant financial shortfall still exists, and our PTA has organized community advocacy information for your review, consideration, and support. Thank you very much for your efforts, and please see below on this important topic:

<https://sites.google.com/view/htsdcommunityadvocacy/home>

Exchange Students 2024-2025

Throughout the past two school years, we have successfully hosted J-1 visa exchange students who have resided with **volunteer** host families. For the current year, we have five exchange students at the high school who have added to the success of our school by adding to our enrollment and cultural diversity. I am eager to report that we have now been approved to accept an F-1 visa exchange students for next school year, which will provide interested host families with the opportunity to receive a yearly stipend for **approximately** \$4,000K. If you or someone that you know is interested in hosting an exchange student for next year, please contact our registrar, Ms. Alexis Gray, at Agray@htsd.us.

*(note: F-1 international students will pay **direct tuition** to our school district **and a stipend** to host families, while J-1 students are part of intercultural exchange and add to district enrollment for state aid purposes, and no host family stipend is permitted).*

High School Grading Scale/More

Following last month's board meeting, a **13-individual committee** comprised of school administrators, teachers, counselors, and students was organized to evaluate and recommend potential adjustments/improvements related to school grading, transcripts, school profile, and more. Our aim is to **maximize the amount of college merit aid for graduates without negatively impacting admissions**. Meetings are ongoing, and I expect a tentative recommendation prior to May 1st. On May 16th, the Board of Education will review any material related to potential policy changes as a result of this committee's recommendation, and parent engagement will also occur shortly before and after. Please see the timeline for this matter below:

Present- April 30th : Internal Committee Review/Recommendations

May 7th- Board Policy Committee Review

May 8th- May 15th - Small Group Parent/Community Engagement

May 16th- BOE Potential First Policy Reading

May 17th- June 12th -Continued Community Engagement

June 13th- BOE Potential Second Reading/Policy Adoption

RMS Musical Announcement/Information

HT Arts is excited to present the RMS musical *Madagascar Jr.*, in the high school auditorium! Please view the dates, times, and pricing below.

Show Dates and Times

- Thursday, **May 2**, 7:00 PM
- Friday, **May 3**, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, **May 4**, 1 PM

Advanced Reserved Seating: (opens April 14th)

Reserve, select your seats, and purchase tickets online with a credit card by visiting showtix4u.com. There is a small service fee for each ticket purchased online.

Advanced sales close starting at showtime. This is the only option for pre-ordering tickets. All other tickets will be sold at the door.

Online Ticket Prices

\$15 for adult

\$5 for students and children (18 and under)

\$5 for senior citizens (65 and over); price is for seat selection guarantee only

Ticket Prices at the Door

\$15 for adult

\$5 for students and children (18 and under)

\$5 for non-HT resident senior citizens (65 and over)

FREE for HT Senior Citizens (65 and over). An All Access Pass or a photo I.D. shown at the door grants the senior citizen free general admission to the show. The cost to reserve seating online is \$5.00 (see directions above). Questions regarding the All Access Pass (all HT senior citizens are eligible) should be directed to Donna Colclough at the Board of Education office. dcolclough@htsd.us

General admission tickets will go on sale one hour before showtime in the hallway by the auditorium. Doors to the auditorium will open a half hour before showtime. Reserved tickets may be purchased right up to showtime via the showtix4u link.

Please email arts@htsd.us with any questions. We hope to see you at the show! Have a great day.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent