



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

Good Afternoon: I trust this email finds you well and that everyone enjoyed a restful and relaxing Spring Break. Please see updates from around the district below and have a great day!

Board of Education

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be this Thursday, April 20th. The work session segment will begin at 6 PM, and the official meeting will begin at 7 PM. During the work session, the Board will conduct follow-up discussions from last month's retreat, which focused on two areas; **next year's school district budget and the preliminary scope of work for a bond referendum scheduled for March 2024**. On this evening, the Board will also accept Kathy McCutcheon's retirement for retirement purposes, effective October 1st, 2023. Please join me in celebrating Nurse McCutcheon's career in Haddon Township. She has served dutifully as a Nationally Certified School Nurse. As head nurse, she helped lead us effectively and courageously through a two-year pandemic where safety practices were maximized, but learning disruptions were minimized. Thank you, Kathy!

Haddon Township Education Foundation

Thank you to everyone who is participating in the HTEF 10-Week Raffle. Your support for this foundation is much appreciated, and we count on you to make a positive difference in our classrooms with your support. Please see the attached impact statement from HTEF. I am pleased to share how this partnership has benefited our students.

Congratulations

Earlier this morning, Don Pullano, Principal of Van Sciver Elementary School, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Rider University. Don's research, which lasted well over a year, investigated increasing teacher self-efficacy through structured collaboration within a school. Besides the quality and consistent leadership Don has provided for many years at Van Sciver School, he is an excellent example of the importance of lifelong learning. Congratulations, Dr. Pullano!

Safety

We are continuing to work administratively and in consultation with the Haddon Township Police to maximize school safety inside our buildings. However, promoting student safety outside school operating hours is an equal priority. I am asking for continued support while dropping off and picking up students at all school locations. It is not acceptable to park or idle in areas marked with a yellow curb or in close proximity to a stop sign because it hinders the visibility of pedestrian students or those riding a bicycle. I ask that you make an effort to allow more time for morning drop off or afternoon pick up and park in legal spaces only, despite having to walk further to or from a school entrance. There have been serious accidents in other parts of the county, and our safety protocols are paramount. Thank you very much for your support in this area- it is greatly appreciated. Students riding bicycles to and from school should also be wearing a helmet at all times.

Character Strong

Rohrer Middle School Students recently participated in the Kindness Challenge as part of our Character Strong Program. It is my pleasure to recognize the students below who distinguished themselves with the most impactful and consistent participation.

Congratulations, and thank you for being such great role models!

6th grade: Faven Jackson, Quinn George, Isabelle Shedaker

7th grade: Dayaal Sathishkumar

8th grade: Alice Sickler, Addison Schultz

Thank you all for your continued partnership and support.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent