



# HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

Good Afternoon,

I trust this email finds everyone well. Please see important updates from around the district. Tonight's Board of Education is scheduled for 6:30 PM in the media center. If you would like to attend, please feel free to do so, and there is no longer a requirement to pre-register. The meeting will also be live-streamed on the district's youtube channel.

### **Shared Vision**

With great enthusiasm, I release the document attached to this email titled Shared Vision 1.0. This document will serve as the foundation for our long-term strategy over the next several years as we work together to maximize the educational opportunities of all students. This vision represents the collective core values and beliefs of over 500 community members who participated in surveys, virtual dialogues, focus groups, and personal interviews. Many hours were spent with community members, teaching staff, and members of the administrative team with an outside consultant who facilitated the use of the SchellingPoint strategic collaboration software (<https://schellingpoint.com/>) to analyze the highest levels of alignment. Please know that our shared vision is not a finish line but a starting point for building our collective future in the Haddon Township School District one step at a time. We will continue to work together to maximize community engagement through the Board of Education, Administrative Team, and Shared Vision Committee. I want to thank everyone who contributed to this process. Indeed, there is more to be done, but please join me in celebrating this part of our milestone.

### **Concerning Data**

Unfortunately, we have been reviewing some concerning data regarding the increase in transmission of COVID-19. Furthermore, there has been an uptick in flu cases, which has resulted in higher than expected absences. Our school health offices have been in frequent communication with the department of health, and I have collaborated frequently with other district leaders from around the county. The consensus of opinions on this is that while current COVID positive symptoms don't seem to be generally as severe as the previous variants, the data demonstrates a very contagious strand which is cause for concern. **Parents and staff should carefully consider this information when deciding to wear a mask or not to school.** The latest COVID-19 report is also attached to this email.

### **School Start/End Times 2022-2023**

At a recent Board of Education Meeting, members of the high school administration discussed the process of building the schedule for next year. Several targeted improvements are planned, including moving away from the modified block for science and PE classes. This eliminates the need for letter days, and each day will be identical in terms of each student's class schedule. Twenty-three total student minutes will also be added to the school day. As a result, the start and end times of each of our school days will mildly shift for next year. Please see the new times below for the students' school day, effective September of 2022.

Haddon Township High School- 7:35 AM to 2:43 PM

Rohrer Middle School- 8:25 AM to 2:50 PM, Morning Music (7:35 AM to 8:22 AM)

Elementary Schools- 8:40 AM-3:10 PM **TENTATIVE**

*We are currently working with our transportation department to determine the most viable options for the elementary start and end times, considering the bus system's impact. At this point, parents should plan to start and end school 10 minutes later next year, but a potential shift to 15 minutes may be needed to accommodate school buses. We will make a final determination soon.*

### **Walk Around the World Celebration**

Please join us in congratulating Tom Turcich, a Haddon Township High School graduate who is completing a world walk. We are hosting a special reception for Tom on **June 1st at 7 PM** in the High School Auditorium, and I hope you will consider joining us. You can find more information on Tom and this impressive feat below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tom-turchich-evening-of-recognition-tickets-319161319097>

<http://theworldwalk.com/>

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

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fiscaro, Ed. D. Superintendent