



## HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

Below is a Part II update for this week's school district communication.

#### Applause

We are thrilled to share several remarkable student accomplishments that deserve our utmost recognition. In Girls Track, **Emersen Levins** has shattered the Haddon Township Girls Outdoor Pole Vault record at the Baker Invitational, soaring to a height of 10 ft. In rowing, our HTHS Girls Varsity Squad, comprising of **Maggie Dunn, Brooke Bazulis, Maddy Baranes**, and **Gina Gerber**, have not only qualified but will also be competing in the prestigious June US Rowing Youth National Championship in Sarasota, Florida. Additionally, our **HTHS Rowing Team** has qualified three boats to compete in the Scholastic National Championship on Cooper River today and Saturday. **Boys Baseball** was also victorious in our first home playoff win in over a decade and is advancing to the second round next week. Let's rally behind them, Hawks, and wish them the best of luck!

#### Before Care

Recently, I have received many emails regarding concerns about our anticipated start time adjustment for elementary beforecare from 7 am to 7:30 am. **I will review this issue next week and attempt to identify potential solutions and alternatives.** In the meantime, please do not email the board of education members about this issue, as they cannot reply, and it only leads to nine additional emails being forwarded to my inbox. I am aware of your concerns. Please understand that this adjustment is planned because the program's before-care portion resulted in financial losses for the current year because not enough families utilized the before-care service. When such losses occur, the district must pull resources away from our K-12 programs or raise costs in other areas, which we are trying to minimize. Pre-pandemic, this program was only available in specific locations, and school buses transported students to their home schools before each start time. We have recently offered beforecare at each location to accommodate more families but have been unable to make it cost-neutral for the district. Thank you very much for your patience while we attempt to resolve this matter, and I will follow up by the **end of next week.**

## Pre-K

I am currently reviewing much correspondence regarding pre-k placements for the upcoming year. We regret that we cannot always provide each family with their first choice regarding time and location, but we are trying to accommodate as many families as possible. However, please understand **the importance of balancing class sizes and resources at each location so students can receive an equitable education**, especially regarding the adult-to-student ratio.

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

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent