



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

I trust that this update finds you well and that each of you had an enjoyable and productive week. Please see the news below, the most recent update from our school district, and have a great weekend!

Public Hearing

Last evening, the Board of Education approved the school district budget for next year. Below is a video link to the presentation, and a pdf file for your reference is attached. The overall tax impact will be a **decrease of \$235.31**, which results from reduced debt services, and an increase in state aid of \$1.4M, mostly because of rising enrollment.

<https://youtu.be/xz7wK1sel3Y>

District Goals /Budget Highlights 2023-2024

As part of the budget, three district goals were adopted;

1. Implement and Support High-Quality Full Day Kindergarten Instructional Program
2. Prioritize and Further Develop Student Learning Environments
3. Prioritize Community Engagement for the Future of HTSD

Other budget highlights and "Big Wins" include:

- The continuation of strong health services and school-based nursing
- Robust levels of elementary school counseling
- Implementation of industry-standard Foundations Phonics Program (Elementary)
- Implementation of I-Ready Math Curriculum (Elementary)
- Creation of Dual Use Recording/Television Studio for HTHS
- New Equipment/Investment in HTHS Science Labs
- Other priorities of the budget will include district security upgrades, HTHS courtyard cleanup and beautification, improvements to RMS outdoor basketball court, and field maintenance/improvements for HTHS baseball and Van Sciver School.

Staffing

The Board also took action to employ the following individuals for next year, and please join me in welcoming them to Haddon Township. Each candidate went through a rigorous interview process and is of the highest caliber.

- Han Nguyen- High School French
- Jessica Campbell- High School Chemistry
- Brielle Small- Kindergarten
- Ryann Burke- High School Special Education
- Jennifer Torroni- High School Math
- Robin Arabia- High School Art
- Alicia Ezekial-Pipkin- High School English
- Abbey Neveling- Elementary School Teacher
- April Tomaski- Transportation Coordinator

Cyber Security

On May 16th, from 7 to 8:30 PM at RMS, we are excited to host representatives from the Philadelphia Secret Service who will present a cost-free parent workshop on digital and online safety. The presentation is geared toward elementary school parents, but there could be useful information for middle school parents, and it is open to all. Please stay tuned for a forthcoming flyer containing more details and information.

Note: This is a parent workshop only, and **no children are permitted due to sensitive material and content.**

Congratulations

Please join me in congratulating members of the HT High School Crew Team. **Both boys' and girls' varsity boats earned state championship titles!**

Boys: Henry Fowler, Brendan Savell, Joe Savell, Luke Gerber

Girls: Maggie Dunn, Sarah Lex, Athena Constantakos, Brooke Bazulis

Several other boats and athletes earned additional accomplishments, and a boat named after parent Beth Wilkinson won the Cooper Cup for the first time in program history!

Former Haddon Township High School Wrestling Coach Preston Miller was also recently named a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame!

<https://www.courierpostonline.com/story/sports/high-school/wrestling/2023/04/19/class-of-2023-for-nj-chapter-of-national-wrestling-hall-of-fame-named/70130699007/>

Parent Meetings

Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Chantelle Shorter, in consultation with our staff, has organized two upcoming parent meetings. Please mark your calendars for *Welcome to Kindergarten*

Night on May 17th at 6:30 PM in the RMS Media Center. A parent meeting on the recently adopted *NJ Health and PE Standards* is also scheduled for *May 25th* at 6:30 PM in the media center. Please stay tuned for more information.

Looking Ahead

Please mark your calendars for some additional May dates below in what will surely be a very busy and exciting time of the year:

May 5th & 6th: RMS Musical; *Willy Wonka*

May 6th: HTEF Derby Day

May 14th: Happy Mother's Day!

May 18th: Board of Education Meeting

May 19th: Field Day/ Promenade/Prom

May 23rd: HTHS Academic Dinner

May 25th: Elementary Spring Concert

May 29th: Memorial Day- Schools Closed

Thank you all for your continued partnership and support.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent