



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

I trust that this email finds you well and eagerly anticipating the Thanksgiving season. On behalf of the Haddon Township Board of Education, I would like to express my sincere thankfulness and gratitude for each of you. Working and leading in a school district where students come from homes where they are loved and supported truly makes all the difference. Likewise, our teachers, staff, and administrators take a great deal of pride to ensure that every student is known, seen, heard, and cared about. Many years before the concept of social-emotional learning became popular, the fabric of our community, the traditions of the school district, and the dedication and mindset of staff and school leaders understood the power of relationships with students, among others, and within the community. Each day that I serve in Haddon Township as superintendent, these facts are not lost on me, and I continue to be thankful for your partnership. The current times certainly are not easy-anywhere. However, what I am most grateful for is that we can face our current challenges together. Considering the big picture of what is occurring across our world, I am very proud of the educational delivery in our schools and applaud the team effort of all stakeholders involved. Please see below some other updates from around the district, and have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Shared Vision Planning

On December 1st and 2nd, I will be hosting a group of community members in two focus groups to begin the process of crafting a long-term vision. This process was explained at last week's Board of Education meeting, and a video can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WJJVa3KYhs>, (8:30- 22:00 minutes). Likewise, PPT from the evening is attached to this email. **This process will begin with a summary review of all the survey data collected last school year and include a planning process to identify core values with a future school district focus. Qualitative interviews with key influencers and administrative team members will follow in the coming months. This work aims to be completed before the public hearing on next school year's budget. VISION 2030 will define who we want to be as a school district (post-pandemic), what we believe, why we think it, and it will be the cornerstone to future strategic planning.**

Travel Advisory

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to remind you that the Haddon Township School continues to follow the New Jersey Department of Health recommendations regarding unvaccinated students who travel outside of the tri-state

area. ***A viral test should occur 3-5 after traveling outside New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware for 24 hours or longer for individuals not fully vaccinated. A self-quarantine should occur for seven days after travel for these areas, even with a negative test result. If testing is not completed post-travel, individuals should self-quarantine for ten days, during which remote instruction will be provided.*** Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine unless symptoms are present. In the coming months, we will be re-evaluating this travel advisory as vaccination rates continue to increase. Still, we believe that it is prudent to maintain our current adherence to these NJ recommendations this time.

Vaccination Clinic

Adler's Pharmacy will host a clinic **on November 29 from 4–6 pm** in the cafeteria of Haddon Township High School. There are two separate sign-ups, one is for Haddon Township students ages 5-11, and the other is for Haddon Township students and residents ages 12 and older. Please click on the link below to sign up through Adler's Pharmacy. [HT Covid Vaccine clinic November 29](#), and attendance will be restricted to the first 200 who sign up. There are still some spots available for individuals to be vaccinated at our upcoming clinic. Please register individuals separately and bring the paperwork that will be emailed with you to the appointment. We will not be able to accommodate walk-in appointments.

I hope to see you on Thanksgiving at Haddon Township High School at **11 am to watch our Hawks take on the Audubon Green Wave in football**. Please consider coming out to support our players, cheer squad, band, and dance team. Still, most of all, I hope that you will consider attending the game to connect with one another and many of our alumni who will be returning to visit- Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you very much for your continued partnership and support.

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Superintendent