

HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report February 16, 2017

Staffing Update:

- Teacher Transfer - Frank Ottinger
 - From HS Guidance Counselor to HS Math Teacher
 - January 30, 2017 through May 25, 2017
- Replacement HS Guidance Counselor – Thomas Priory
 - February 17, 2017 through May 25, 2017

College Board AP District Honor Roll

Haddon Township has been placed on the College Board's "7th Annual AP District Honor Roll for Significant Gain in Student Access and Success," as one of 433 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored. To be included, we had to, since 2014, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that our district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP. Congratulations to our teachers and administrators who have worked so hard to both expand access to AP and also to help students succeed on the AP Exams!

2016 ESEA Accountability Action Plan – Participation Rate

Due to all Haddon Township schools not attaining at least a 95% participation rate in state assessments (PARCC) for 2015, we are required to submit a corrective action plan to the NJ Department of Education to document district efforts to increase our participation rates for 2016. To review, there is no provision for non-participation ("opting out") in state assessments. A letter to parents will be sent out next week regarding our responsibilities and plans for state assessments this spring.

Upcoming PARCC Parent Presentations

- Elementary & Middle School – March 8th – 6pm – RMS Multi-Purpose Room
- High School – March 29th – 7pm – High School Media Center

These presentations will focus on year 3 of PARCC and the recent changes the NJ State Board of Education has made regarding high school graduation requirements. For the graduating classes of 2017, 2018, and 2019, there is a menu of testing options that has been approved to meet the state's graduation requirement. These

pathways are changing dramatically, however, for the classes of 2020, 2021 and beyond. The most notable change is that the pathways to graduation for those two classes are curtailed because they require having taken the PARCC.

Upcoming Events

Empty Bowls Dinner – March 10th – 5:30pm-8:00pm – High School Cafeteria

Enjoy a "Pasta Pot Luck" themed dinner in a handmade ceramic bowl of your choice. Tickets will be sold at the door. \$10 per ticket and you keep your bowl!

All proceeds from the dinner will go to The Foodbank of South Jersey. This event will be hosted by the high school art students and the HT Honor Society Students!

Haddon Township High School Presents:

"Bye Bye Birdie"
March 2, 3, 4, 2017
7:30pm
Saturday Matinee at 1:00pm