

HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report March 16, 2017

Upcoming PARCC Parent Presentations

- High School – March 29th – 7pm – High School Media Center

This presentation 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.

District Calendar for 2017-18

For the past two years, our calendar has been impacted by our construction schedule for referendum projects. This year's calendar, which is on the board agenda for approval tonight, allows us to return to a more traditional format in terms of breaks and start of the school year.

"Classroom Close-up NJ"

I am pleased to announce that our head nurse, Lynn Owen, has been selected to participate in a segment of "Classroom Close-up NJ," the long running program on public television. Lynn will be highlighting the role of a school nurse, specifically a nurse's role in collaborating with other district professionals. The taping will occur on March 23rd at Van Sciver and the segment will air on Sunday, June 25th and Sunday, July 2nd on NJTV at 7:30am, 12:30pm, and 7:30pm.

District Grading Presentation

Due to some community questions regarding our current grading system, we will provide a presentation at our upcoming board meeting on April 20th. A thorough discussion of our approach to determining grade point averages and class rank will be combined with an opportunity to respond to questions and concerns.

Teacher Professional Development

Just a reminder that Monday, March 20th is a full professional day for teachers and the district is closed for students. Professional development topics will include: identifying and meeting the needs of students with dyslexia, meeting the needs of students with different types of disabilities, training in the prevention of HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) and requirements of New Jersey's HIB legislation, and increasing students' comprehension of non-fiction text.