

## HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Superintendent's Report July 20, 2017

#### Staffing

We are working to secure high quality staff members for all available district positions and this process will continue throughout the summer months. The following candidates for the 2017-18 school year will be recommended for appointment on tonight's agenda:

- Donna Colclough – Secretary to the Business Administrator
  - August 21, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- Victoria Johnson – High School Chemistry Teacher
  - September 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- Kate Galowicz – Elementary Teacher
  - September 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- Gianna Silvi – Middle School Social Studies Teacher
  - October 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- Doris Soldati – Replacement Elementary Teacher
  - September 1, 2017 through November 3, 2017

The following resignation is included on tonight's agenda:

- Jackie Vosbikian – Elementary Teacher
  - Effective immediately

The following retirement is included on tonight's agenda:

- Robert Plews – Head Bus Driver
  - Effective immediately

#### Negotiations Update

The Negotiations Committees for the Board of Education and the Haddon Township Education Association (HTEA) have determined that they are at impasse and have filed jointly for mediation with the NJ

Public Employment Relations Commission. As a result, a mediator will be assigned to assist both parties in reaching an agreement.

### High School Science

Due to an increase in the number of students with special needs requiring support per their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and our new required focus on meeting Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), we have been struggling to provide enough course sections to meet students' needs for the 2017-18 school year. Our completed high school science schedule clearly demonstrated the need for an additional teacher of chemistry. As a result, recommendations for the additional chemistry position, as well as an appropriate candidate for the position (certified in both Chemistry and Physics) are included on tonight's agenda.

### State Budget Changes

As you may have heard or read recently in the news, some significant changes have been made this summer to state aid figures for districts across New Jersey. The impact of these changes has varied widely from district to district. As a result, Haddon Township will receive an additional \$3,986 in state aid for the 2017-18 school year.

### "Classroom Close-up NJ" Segment

Please join me in congratulating our school nurse, Lynn Owen, who was selected to be the focus of a television program as part of "Classroom Close-up NJ." This acclaimed television program promotes the great things happening in New Jersey's public schools. The segment, recorded at Van Sciver, focuses on Mrs. Owen and the diverse role of a school nurse.

The segment will air on **September 24** on NJ TV at 7:30am, 12:30pm, and 7:30pm on Comcast Channel 23 or 800; Verizon Channel 23 or 523. The full show is now available to view and download on [www.classroomcloseup.org](http://www.classroomcloseup.org).

## District Summer Programs

Our elementary and middle school summer programs (Summer Recreation & Extended School Year) are running smoothly at Van Sciver and RMS, especially given the new air conditioning available at Van Sciver! These summer programs conclude by August 3<sup>rd</sup> and building preparations for the new school year begin.