

## HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Superintendent's Report August 17, 2017

#### Staffing

We continue to work on securing high quality staff members for all available district positions. Based on our current staffing, we will be ready for the start of the school year. We will welcome our new staff members next week during our New Teacher Orientation Program and are excited about the quality of the new teaching members who have joined our staff.

The following candidates for the 2017-18 school year will be recommended for appointment on tonight's agenda:

- Lyndsey McCusker – Elementary Teacher (.5)
  - September 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- Laina Latta – Elementary Special Education Teacher
  - October 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- Margot Louthan – Replacement High School Spanish Teacher
  - September 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- Erica Pirolli – Replacement Speech-Language Specialist
  - September 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
- Andrew Garonzik – Replacement Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher
  - October 10, 2017 through January 16, 2018

The following resignation is included on tonight's agenda:

- Valerie Bowers – Elementary Special Education Teacher
  - Effective October 1, 2017

#### 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. The first mediation meeting is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Elementary Report Card Update

Over the summer, we reviewed the results from a parent survey we conducted, as well as feedback from our staff regarding our elementary report card. Based on our research and discussion, we have reworked portions of the report card to provide parents with a detailed, yet easy to understand document. It is our hope that these updates will provide parents with a clearer understanding of a child's academic growth in each marking period and throughout the school year. During our September board meeting, we will provide a presentation to summarize these changes.

### "Classroom Close-up NJ" Update

As I shared this past spring, our Head Nurse Lynn Owen was selected to be the focus of a television program called "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 full episode (show #20) is available to view and download on [www.classroomcloseup.org](http://www.classroomcloseup.org).

On August 1, 2017, the episode was nominated for a Mid-Atlantic Region Emmy® Award at a presentation in Philadelphia, PA. The awards ceremony will be held in Hershey, PA on September 9, 2017. Congratulations to Mrs. Owen and Van Sciver for being part of such a terrific honor!