

HADDON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report September 15, 2016

Staffing

The following positions are recommended for appointment on tonight's agenda:

Elementary Replacement Teacher – Kristin Davis – Edison Grade 5

- September 1 - December 23, 2016

Elementary Replacement Teacher – Doris Soldati - Van Sciver Grade 2

- September 1 – October 31, 2016

RMS Language Arts Replacement Teacher - Charles Loughlin

- September 1 - November 22, 2016

School Opening

Although this may not have been one of our prettiest opening days on record, it was definitely one of our finest. I would like to thank our administrative team, technology department, buildings and grounds staff, and our teachers for all of their hard work and focus on preparing for students to have a wonderful “first day of school” experience despite the many pressures of ongoing construction. I'd also like to thank our parents and students for their continued patience as we wrap up our construction projects over the next few months. As I toured buildings and stopped into classrooms on the first day, it was wonderful to hear how excited the students were about interacting with the new and improved spaces for the first time, and to see everyone getting to know one another.

On our second day, we encountered a record-tying forecast of 96 degrees, with a heat index of well over 100 degrees by noon. Due to the fact that air conditioning was not up and running in all district buildings quite yet, we provided an early dismissal day for students and faculty and were able to provide aftercare (SACC) for all elementary students in air conditioned spaces. I would like to thank our SACC staff for assisting us in providing these aftercare services on such short notice.

Back to School Nights - all at 7:00pm

Stoy – Tuesday, September 13th

RMS – Wednesday, September 14th

Edison – Monday, September 19th

Strawbridge – Tuesday, September 20th

Jennings – Wednesday, September 21st

Van Sciver – Thursday, September 22nd

HHS – Monday, September 26th

Curriculum and Instruction

Professional development for K-3 teachers was provided on September 7th related to our new elementary math program, "Math in Focus." A parent night to support our transition to the new program will be offered on October 19th at 7pm at Van Sciver Elementary School.

We will be piloting two new science programs in grades 6-8 this fall to help support our transition to the Next Generation Science Standards. We are happy to report that the enrollment in our new AP Chemistry course at the high school is 22 students!