

Board of Education  
**The Lyndhurst School District**  
Lyndhurst, New Jersey

## **Public Meeting Code of Conduct**

The Lyndhurst Board of Education encourages communication between itself and the public. To that end the Board will strive to ensure that all public meetings are conducted civilly and with respect.

- Please silence cell phones before the meeting commences
- While in session, please conduct private conversations outside of the meeting room
- Food is not permitted in the auditorium during meetings
- Executive Sessions of the Board should not be interrupted
- Profanity will not be tolerated and can lead to immediate removal from the public meeting
- Since the Board formally recognizes any and all who wish to address the Board, Outbursts or interjections can lead to immediate removal from the public meeting.
- Offensive comments regarding race, creed, gender or religion can lead to immediate removal from the public meeting.

## **Our District's Mission Statement**

The Lyndhurst Public Schools will develop successful individuals who possess the knowledge, skills and values necessary to become independent and self-fulfilled.

We will prepare our students for a complex global society, through a challenging academic and co-curricular program conducted in a safe and intellectually stimulating environment. The level of expectations will be raised for all students by using the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards as a baseline of instruction.

## **Protocol for your concerns**

The Lyndhurst Board of Education is a non-paid elected body consisting of nine members from our community. The Board is always willing and able to hear your concerns; however, the proper protocol for your concerns begins with your child's teacher – if you are a parent; then the building principal; the Superintendent's office; and finally the Board of Education.

LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 21, 2016

Agenda

(Meeting #5)

WELCOME, to a public meeting of the Lyndhurst Board of Education. The Board is meeting this evening for the purpose of taking official, formal action on the business of the Board and school district.

The business the Board will act on this evening, as contained on the following pages, is broken down in sections in this order:

Finance/Facilities and District Planning Committee  
Education and Curriculum Committee  
Policies and Rules/Regulations Committee  
Athletics/Student Activities/Substance Abuse Committee

The FIRST segment – Public Hearing on Meeting Agenda is devoted to hearing from those persons who might have questions or statements regarding any of the matters listed on the following pages and which the Board will be acting on this evening.

The SECOND segment – Public Hearing on Other Than Meeting Agenda is devoted to hearing from those persons who might have questions or statements regarding Board or school district matters OTHER THAN matters which appear on the following pages.

If you wish to address the Board, at either or both of these public hearing segments, you are asked to sign in on the speakers' sheet located on the podium. When your name is called, please wait until you are recognized by the Board president. When recognized, please stand up and clearly state your name and address. All questions or statements must be addressed to the Board president. You are asked to limit your remarks to three (3) minutes or less.

The Board, through the president, or upon permission of the president through individual Board members, may or may not respond to your comments.

Members of the public are asked to refrain from reading articles out loud at meetings. If there is an article(s) that you would like the Board to know about, please leave a copy with the Board Secretary/Business Administrator who will see to it that it gets distributed to the proper persons.

We hope your visit with us this evening will be an enjoyable and informative one.

## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SALUTE TO FLAG
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – #3 February 29, 2016  
- #4 March 8, 2016
6. PUBLIC HEARING ON MEETING AGENDA
7. BOARD DISCUSSION & FORMAL BUSINESS AGENDA
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
11. PUBLIC HEARING ON OTHER THAN MEETING AGENDA
12. ADJOURNMENT

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# LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The terms of School Trustees, Joseph Abruscato, Susan Alcuri, and Ronald Szwec will expire, thus three seats, all for three years, will be filled at the Tuesday, November 8, 2016 General Election. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot must file his/her petition with the Bergen County Clerk on or before July 25, 2016, by 4:00 p.m.

Only those persons who are permanently registered or those who register with the Bergen County Board of Elections, Hackensack, or the Lyndhurst Township Clerk by October 18, 2016 will be permitted to vote.

All judges to open the school elections at 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at:

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>
1	Jefferson School
2	Jefferson School
3	Senior Citizen Building
4	United Presbyterian Church
5	United Presbyterian Church
6	Lyndhurst High School
7	Lyndhurst High School
8	Lyndhurst Health Center
9	Jefferson School
10	Jefferson School
11	Joseph Carucci Apartments
12	Joseph Carucci Apartments
13	Lyndhurst High School
14	Lyndhurst High School
15	Lyndhurst High School

Finance/Facilities and District Planning Committee:

Ronald Szweg, Chairman  
 Ronald Grillo  
 Josephine Malaniak

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Finance/Facilities and District Planning Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Finance  
 actions of the Board numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ exception actions be  
 adopted.

## Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lyndhurst Board of Education that it has received and accepts the financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of School Monies for the month ended February 29, 2016 and certifies that the reports indicate that no major account or fund is over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year. A copy of the certification shall be included in the minutes.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the payroll for the month ended February 29, 2016 be and the same is hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll	February 12, 2016	\$ 1,135,311.72
	February 29, 2016	\$ 1,111,509.43

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached list of supplies received and services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the month ended March 16, 2016 be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Charter School (Fund 10)	\$ 16,083.00
Current Expense (Fund 11)	\$ 741,739.03
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 13,274.26

Grand Total	\$ 771,096.29
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General Ledger	\$ 153,497.14
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4. BE IT RESOLVED, that cafeteria services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, for the Month of February 29, 2016, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid:

Payroll/Payroll Taxes	\$ 37,108.23
Services	\$ 44,764.74

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of January 2016.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached transfers for the month of February 2016.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Joint Transportation Agreement with South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2016-2017 school year.
8. **SCHOOL ALLIANCE INSURANCE FUND RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Lyndhurst Board of Education, hereafter referred to as "**Educational Facility**" is a member of the School Alliance Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as "**Fund**"; and

**WHEREAS**, said renewal membership terminates as of July 1, 2016 at 12:01 a.m. standard time, unless earlier renewed by agreement between the **Educational Facility** and the **Fund**; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Educational Facility** is afforded the following types of coverages:

- ☐ Workers' Compensation
- ☐ Foreign Travel Liability
- ☐ Package - Property, Boiler & Machinery, General and Auto Liability, Environmental Impairment Liability
- ☐ Excess Liability (AL/GL)
- ☐ School Leaders Professional Liability
- ☐ Excess Liability (SLPL)
- ☐ Student Accident
- ☐ Supplemental Indemnity - Workers' Compensation
- ☐ Security Guard Liability



**WHEREAS**, the **Educational Facility** desires to renew said membership;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The **Educational Facility** agrees to renew its membership in the **Fund** for a period of three years beginning July 1, 2016, and ending July 1, 2019 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, and to be subject to the coverages, operating procedures, bylaws, and other organizational and operational documents of the **Fund** presently existing or as from time to time amended by the **Fund** and/or the Department of Banking and Insurance.
2. The **Educational Facility's** Business Official, David DiPisa, is hereby appointed as the **Educational Facility's** Fund Commissioner and is authorized to execute the renewal Indemnity and Trust Agreement thereby evidencing annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the **Fund** the **Educational Facility's** renewal of its membership.

## 9. SCHOOL ALLIANCE INSURANCE FUND INDEMNITY AND TRUST RENEWAL AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, by and between the School Alliance Insurance Fund, hereinafter referred to as "**Fund**", and the Governing Body of the Lyndhurst Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as "**Educational Facility**";

**WHEREAS**, the **Fund** seeks to provide its members with insurance coverage;

**WHEREAS**, two or more educational facilities have collectively formed a joint insurance fund as is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 *et. seq.* and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Educational Facility** is currently a member of said **Fund**; and **WHEREAS**, the **Educational Facility** has resolved to renew said membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** it is agreed as follows:

1. The **Educational Facility** hereby renews its membership in the **Fund** for a three (3) year period, beginning July 1, 2016, and ending July 1, 2019 at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time.
2. The **Educational Facility** agrees to participate in the **Fund** with respect to the types of insurance stated in the Renewal of Membership Resolution.
3. The **Educational Facility** hereby ratifies and reaffirms the bylaws and other organizational and operational documents of the **Fund** and as from time to time amended by the **Fund** and/or Department of Banking and Insurance in accordance with the applicable statutes and regulations as if each and every one of said documents were re- executed contemporaneously herewith.
4. The **Educational Facility** agrees to be a participating member of the **Fund** for the period herein provided for and to comply with all of the rules and regulations and obligations associated with said membership.
5. In consideration of renewal of membership in the **Fund**, the **Educational Facility** agrees that for those types of insurance in which it participates, the **Educational Facility** shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the **Fund** all of whom, as a condition of membership in the **Fund**, shall execute a verbatim counterpart to this Agreement. By execution hereof the full faith and credit of the **Educational Facility** is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the **Fund** in accordance with the bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable statute or regulation.
6. If the **Fund**, in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement, shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the **Educational Facility** agrees to reimburse the **Fund** for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.
7. The **Educational Facility** and the **Fund** agree that the **Fund** shall hold all monies paid by the **Educational Facility** to the **Fund** as fiduciaries for the benefit of **Fund** claimants all in accordance with applicable statutes and/or regulations.
8. The **Fund** shall establish and maintain Trust Accounts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 *et. seq.* and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable.
9. The Business Official designated in the Resolution to Renew Membership is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement to renew membership.



Education & Curriculum Committee:

Susan Alcuri, Chairwoman  
 Joseph Abruscato  
 Beverly Alberti  
 Josephine Malaniak

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Education and Curriculum Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Education and Curriculum Committee actions of the Board numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ exception actions be adopted.

## Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the proposed schedules for PARCC testing for elementary students in grades 3-8 and at Lyndhurst High School.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the proposed student selection criteria for the district's 2016-17 STEAM Zero program for third grade students.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the pilot implementation of *HIBster*, an electronic incident collection, management and notification system for HIB reports through June, 2016.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the proposal for The Lighthouse Program which includes Structured Learning Experience and Community Based Instruction for high school special education students, as well as Daily Living Skills and Community Based Instruction for self-contained special education students in grades 7 and 8.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Community Living Skills program for PK through grade 6 special education students.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the proposal for Functional Academics, Life Skills and Workplace Preparation Program within the Special Education Curriculum at Lyndhurst High School.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the closing of school for unused snow days:  
     Friday, May 27, 2016  
     Tuesday, May 31, 2016

**LYNDHURST PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017**

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7#	8	9	10
19 Days/T	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Days/S	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	

<b>OCTOBER</b>							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
21 Days/T	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
20 Days/T	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					

<b>NOVEMBER</b>			1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
19 Days/T	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
19 Days/S	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

<b>DECEMBER</b>				1	2	3	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
17 Days/T	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
17 Days / S	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

<b>JANUARY</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
21 Days/T	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21 Days/S	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

<b>FEBRUARY</b>							
			1	2	3	4	
15 Days/T	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
15 Days/S	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28				

<b>MARCH</b>							
			1	2	3	4	
23 Days/T	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
23 Days/S	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

<b>APRIL</b>							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14 Days/T	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
14 Days/S	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						

<b>MAY</b>							
		1	2	3	4	5	6
22 Days/T	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
22 Days/S	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30	31			

<b>JUNE</b>							
				1	2	3	
16 Days/T	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16 Days/S	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22#	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	

Total School Days for Students 183\*

Total School Days for Faculty 185

**\* IF MORE THAN (3) EMERGENCY DAYS ARE NEEDED, SPRING RECESS WILL BE ADJUSTED.**

September	6	Staff Only	November	10 & 11	NJEA Convention-District closed
September	7	First Day of School - 4 Hour Day	November	23	4 Hour day - all schools
September	8 & 9	4 Hour Day - PM - PD Faculty	November	24 & 25	Thanksgiving Recess
September	15	4 Hr. Day Gr. 3 & Gr. 9-12	December	23	4 Hour Day - all schools
		Single Session Day for Memorial and LHS ONLY	December 24 - January 2		Winter Recess
		Back-To-School Night Memorial & LHS	January	16	4 Hour Day - all schools
September	22	4 Hour Day - Gr. 4-8 & Pre-K	February	20-24	M.L. King Observ. PM-PD Faculty
		Single Ses. Day Gr. 4-8 & Pre-K ONLY	March 27 - May 19		Presidents' Day Recess
		Back-To-School Night Gr. 4-8 & Pre-K	April 10 - April 17		PARCC Testing window
September	29	4 Hour Day - Gr. K-2 ONLY	May	29	Spring Recess
		Single Session Day Gr. K-2	May	31	District Closed (Memorial Day)
		Back-To-School Night for Gr. K-2	May	31-June 1	NJ-ASK Science Gr. 4 & 8
October	10	Columbus Day - PD for Faculty			NJBCT Gr. 9-12
		No School for Students	June	7	
October	19	PSAT 4 Hour Day Gr. 9-12 ONLY	June	7-8	NJ-ASK Gr. 4 & 8 Make-ups
October 24 & 25		4 Hour Day - all schools	June	21	NJBCT Gr. 9-12 Make-ups
		(Conference Dates)	June	22	High School Graduation
November	8	Election Day - District Closed	June	22	8th Grade Commencement
					Last Day of School

☐ School Closed  
 ☐ Staff Only  
 ☐ 4 Hour Day  
 # First day of school  
 ## Last day of school

2/29/16 Bd. Mtg

Policies and Rules/Regulations Committee:

Joseph Abruscato, Chairman  
 Susan Alcuri  
 Christopher Musto

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Policies and Rules/Regulations Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Rules &  
 Regulations Committee actions of the Board numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ exception  
 actions be adopted.

## Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the authorization for submission of the proposed Comprehensive Equity Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2016-2017 school year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following use of school facilities:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date, Time, Purpose</u>
Lyndhurst Parks	Jefferson School Gym	March 14, 2016 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Softball Try Outs
Sweetest Sounds	LHS Auditorium	June 11, 2016 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Set up for recital
	LHS Auditorium	June 12, 2016 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. Recital
Carol & Michael Rivera	Roosevelt School Gym	2/26/16 – 3/11/16 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Basketball Drills
Lyndhurst Recreations	LHS Music Room	June 23, 27-30, 2016 July 5,6,7,11-14,18-19, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Summer Music Classes

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	LHS Auditorium	July 20 & 21, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Summer Music Classes
Jefferson/Columbus PTA	Jefferson School 2 Classrooms	March 15, April 12, May 10 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. General Meeting
Student Loan Committee	LHS MO Conf. Rm.	April 7, 2016 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Student Loan Committee Mtg.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached Doctrine of Necessity.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents.

## **DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY**

**WHEREAS**, the School Ethics Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.) was enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature to ensure and preserve public confidence in school board members and school administrators and to provide specific ethical standards to guide their conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Ethics Commission has provided guidance in Public Advisory Opinion A03-98, regarding how a Board should invoke the Doctrine of Necessity when a quorum of a board of education has conflicts of interest on a matter required to be voted upon; and

**WHEREAS**, the opinion set forth that, when it is necessary for a Board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity, the Board should state publicly that it is doing so, the reason that such action is necessary and the specific nature of the conflicts of interest; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the Legislative purpose as set forth in N.J.S.A.18A:12-22(a), the School Ethics Commission views public disclosure of conflicts of interest to be paramount when it is necessary to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lyndhurst Public School District Board of Education hereby invokes the Doctrine of Necessity for the reason of personnel and negotiations and that it must do so because of the conflicts of interest for board members Joseph Abruscato, Beverly Alberti, Susan Alcuri, Ronald Grillo, Sheri Jarvis, Josephine Malaniak, Christopher Musto, and James "Chizzie" Vuono who have a conflict due to union membership and family relatives; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lyndhurst Public School District Board of Education is herewith meeting the requirement to read the resolution at a regularly scheduled public meeting, will post it where it posts public notices for 30 days and will provide the School Ethics Commission with a copy of the resolution as required by the Decision of the School Ethics Commission.

Athletics/Student Activities/Substance Abuse Committee:

Sheri Jarvis, Chairwoman  
 Joseph Abruscato  
 Ronald Grillo

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Athletics/Student Activities/Substance Abuse Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ second by \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Student Activities &  
 Recognition Committee actions of the Board numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ exception  
 actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve bedside instruction for two (2) students, subject to state approval.



### Superintendent's Report

- A sincere debt of gratitude is extended to Affirmative Action Officers, Principal, Mr. Robert Giangeruso and teacher/LEA President, Ms. Jennifer Scardino who chaired the District's Comprehensive Equity Plan Committee. Sincere appreciation and high praise is given to the following school and community members of the CEP Committee:

Robert Giangeruso	Affirmative Action Officer/Principal
Jennifer Scardino	Affirmative Action Officer/Teacher
Sharon King-Dobson	Supervisor of Special Services
Blake Spence	Supervisor of Remedial Education/Fine Arts/TAG
Jamie Stevens	Supervisor of Student Services
Jeff Radigan	Supervisor of Phys. Ed./Health/Driver Ed./Nursing Services
Emily Ringen	Physical Education Teacher/Coach
Gina Ruzzo	Secretary
Erin Keefe	Parent/PTA President
Anna Rizzo	Parent/SEPAC Representative

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:7, Managing for Equality and Equity in Education, the CEP Committee conducted a district-wide needs assessment and developed a three-year Comprehensive Equity Plan. This document will be presented to the NJDOE, Bergen County Office of the Executive Superintendent for approval on/or before April 1, 2016. The plan provides citations of documentation and evidence to substantiate compliance with the many state requirements regarding policies, programs, practices and conditions which may be inequitable.

This evening the Lyndhurst Board of Education will approve the submission of the CEP by resolution of the Statement of Assurance affirming compliance with laws, statutes and regulations governing equity in education.

Congratulations to the Affirmative Action Officers and members of the CEP Committee

- On Monday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Lyndhurst Public Schools proudly sponsored a special event called "NJ Scores!" This presentation, funded by *We Raise New Jersey*, the NJ Chamber of Commerce, and the NJPTA focused on the PARCC assessment and its connectivity to the preparation of students for college and career. Only 30 presentations were made available statewide and our district was honored to have been selected. During this "NJ Scores!" presentation, parents/caregivers:
  - engaged in short activities to help them understand the shifts in teaching and learning that the new assessments will produce,
  - reviewed surprising data about college remediation and graduation rates, and
  - learned about the hidden benefits that are attached to successful performance in the state assessment.

The presenter, Mrs. Dara Egreczky reviewed the changing nature of the workplace, discussed the latest research on how children become the critical thinkers that business will need, and

detailed the growing use of tests by employers in multiple fields, as well as for the military and for college placement purposes.

- Township of Lyndhurst was greatly affected by the events of September 11, 2001, due to its proximity to New York City and impact of friends, family and community members who perished. In solemn memory of this tragedy, the Lyndhurst High School Student Government, under the leadership of Principal Laura Vuono, would like to commemorate the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The plan is to do this through “LYNDHURST WAVES”, an art installation of 2,977 flags representing each individual we lost that day.

“LYNDHURST WAVES” was inspired by a similar display at Pepperdine University in California. Lyndhurst High School students will be involved in the installation, maintenance and removal of the project. The LHS Student Government is raising the necessary funds and coordinating this comprehensive initiative. We believe this will be an impactful lesson to our students, many of which were only infants at the time of this event in history.

**The link for donations is as follows: [gofund.me/Lyndhurstwaves](https://gofund.me/Lyndhurstwaves)**

Ms. Vuono and the Lyndhurst High School students and faculty would greatly appreciate any contribution that you can make in support of this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you for your anticipated support of this initiative.

- A group of Lincoln School students currently have their art on display at Kearny Bank in Lyndhurst. Below is a brief description of their assignment and a list of students.

*Students reflected on someone who they admire, from the past or present time, and how they could best visually represent them in a portrait. Inspired by the styling of artist Howard Finster, students created a likeness of the person, accompanied with a written message as to why this person is so influential in their lives.*

The following students participated in contributing to the display:

Mariem Ahmad	Itzel Madrid
Isabela Alvarez	Sierra Maradiaga
Alyssa Borquist	Joseph McNie
Anthony DeMarco	Damian Moreira
Gabriella Fiouris	Nicholas Morelli
David Fonseca	Tope Olasehinde
Kazmir Hansford	Andrew Palma
Argenis Hernandez	Nicholas Ramos
Sina Hyaghi	Ian Vega
MaryAnn Ijeh	



- Ms. Luann Voza, District Supervisor of Mathematics, recently announced that students in grades 5-8 participated in the Math Con Competition. This competition is an online program that consisted of the completion of 40 items by grade level. After the first round, students selected as finalists may move on to the final round, which is held in Chicago later this spring. One fifth-grade student in Roosevelt School, Ken Chen achieved a perfect score of 300. Ms. Voza registered him for the grade 6 test and he received a score of 276 (out of 300). Grade 7 student, Joseph Smithington scored 266 and Grade 8 students, Lennon Okun scored 290 and Joseph Park scored 280. These students were invited to the finals at Math Con, Chicago. Congratulations to Ken Chen, Joseph Smithington, Lennon Okun, Joseph Park and their teachers at Roosevelt School.
  
- Memorial Campus Principal, Ms. Elba Castrovinci has announce that teachers Ellen Bender and Stacy Tulloch were awarded a \$300.00 grant from the Bergen County Health Department's, Bergen County Clean Communities Program. Students will be providing community service and will help clean a park. All materials and shirts will be provided through the grant. Congratulations to Ms. Bender and Ms. Tulloch.
  
- On March 2, students, principals, teachers and guest readers across the district participated in various cross-curricular activities focused around "Read Across America Day". Teachers collaborated to create lessons that allowed students to work together in a fun, exciting and enjoyable way while concentrating on reading. As an example, at Lincoln School students participated in "Character Campaigns" where Dr. Seuss characters anonymously represented current Presidential Candidates. The students also held a mock election. Students also engage in "Terrible Titles", wherein students read a Dr. Seuss story and identified its theme and brainstormed a new book title.
  
- On March 14, students from across the district participated in various cross-curricular activities during "Pi Day". Teachers collaborated to create lessons that allowed students to work together on Math activities centered around the number Pi, (3.14). At Lincoln School activities included reading of Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi, Scoot Math and Pilish, where students created a story using the digits of Pi.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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