



Mountain Lakes School District

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Monday, February 7, 2022

COVID-Related Updates



- COVID activity in our region is still high, but dropping dramatically (see [CALI Report](#)).
- Due to the dramatic decline in COVID-19 numbers, effective March 7th, the statewide mask mandate for schools and childcare settings will be lifted, as per the Governor's announcement today.
- As we have since the beginning of the pandemic, I recommend to the Board we follow these recommendations as put forth by the Governor's Office and supported by the DOH.

Strategic Planning Update



Creation of Action Steps

- The administrative team has been hard at work developing action steps for each stated goal area and/or objectives.
- The action steps will specify how the district will work to ensure the goals/objectives will be met.
- Board Committee formed (Strategic Planning) to support work taking place by the administrative team.

New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)



NJGPA (Junior Graduation Test)

- Graduation requirement starting for the Class of 2023 (current juniors).
- Completed during the spring of junior year.
- Aligned to New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for grade 10 ELA, Algebra I, and Geometry.
- The format will be delivered on the same platform students use for the current New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA).
- Testing Window: Monday, March 14 - March 18th.
- [Parent Resources](#) (including practice tests)

MLSD Support Programming



Staff Professional Development

- Staff across the district on Wednesday, January 12th engaged in a variety of professional learning experiences.
 - *Wellness & Self Care: Supporting Educators and Students Through a Trauma Lens Utilizing Wellness and Mindfulness*
 - *Fear & Anxiety: How to Support your Anxious Student*
 - *How Paras can work with Challenging Students*
 - *How to support your LGBTQ students: LGBTQ 101+*
- Next ½ PD Day: Wednesday, March 16th

Parent SEL Workshop Series

- **Upcoming Workshop Information:**

- **Title:** Motivating your Student
- **When:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022
 - **Location:** MLHS Media Center
 - **Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm
 - **RSVP (coming soon)**

- All past presentation information has been posted to our district [website](#).





Student Training

*H&SA Sponsored Program

- Wingman is a youth-led social and emotional learning program that promotes peer to peer learning.
- Student mentors at Briarcliff and Wildwood will be trained this month to bring experiential activities to their peers.
- Students submitted an application to be chosen as mentors.

General Updates and Reminders



Superintendent Coffee Talks for 2021-22

Wednesday, February 9th - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 27th - 9:00 AM (VIRTUAL)

LOCATION: MLHS Media Center