# Welcome SHAI/UPTC!



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Where Discovery Leads to Greatness #DiscoverGreatness

# Great Neck Public Schools

### **Mission Statement**



The Great Neck Public School District provides an innovative and collaborative educational environment that supports academic excellence and the social and emotional growth of all students so that they may become lifelong learners and compassionate, productive members of a diverse, global society.

## Continuing a Tradition of Excellence















All GNPS schools recognized in 2023-24 by **Niche** and **U.S. News & World Report** 

All GNPS secondary schools achieved **ADL No Place for Hate Gold Star** status

7 GNPS seniors named 2024 **Regeneron STS Scholars** 



# First 100 Days

(Full entry plan available on the district website)

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"First seek to understand, then to be understood." - Stephen Covey

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

- Develop Key Relationships
- 2) Organizational Review
- Financial Review
- 4) Site Visits
- 5) Curriculum Review
- 6) Human Resources
- 7) Transportation
- 8) Technology
- 9) Public Relations and Communication



# The First 100 Days

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# The Race to Excellence Has No Finish Line



### Adopted Board of Education Goals 2023-24



#### **Extraordinary Student Experiences**

Strive to maintain consistency and articulation across the District.

- a. Commit to the depth and breadth of instructional and co-curricular programming, focusing on the whole child.
- b. Share and demonstrate a belief that Great Neck is one of the finest school Districts in the state and nation.
- c. Celebrate Coexistence. In order to support students' capacities for belonging, we will continue to support curriculum, literature, and co-curricular activities which reflect the pluralism of our community. We support proficiencies in varied cultures, heritages, needs and abilities of learners within our community, as well as the many languages spoken at home. ("All means all")

#### **Enhanced Communication/Community Engagement**

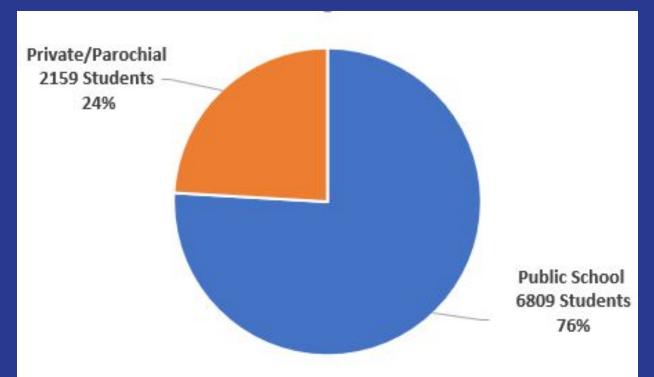
- d. We will use various methodologies available to make certain that all stakeholders are able to both receive and offer information regarding the work of the District. We will continue to maximize the use of district resources, such as the TV stations, to share the excellence taking place throughout the district.
- e. Thought Exchange will be used as a methodology to allow for insight and feedback to be provided by all district stakeholders.
- f. The District Administration will work collaboratively with parent groups and community organizations to enhance the overall educational experience within the district. Opportunities to engage with Administration will be purposefully planned to provide opportunities for parents/community members input.

#### **Effective Transitions**

- g. Appropriate resources will be used to ensure an effective transition of leadership both at the administrative and Board level.
- h. Focus items from the 2022-23 school year will be revisited with current district leadership to ensure appropriate follow-up action is taken. This includes topics discussed within the 2022-23 advisory committee as well as demographic data.







Non-Public Students: 114 buses transporting to 82 different non-public destinations with an approximate cost of approx. \$6.5M

# Curricular/Professional Development Focus 2023-24:



#### Topics for further exploration:

- News Media Literacy Partnership with SUNY Stony Brook University & Howard Schneider, Executive Director, Center for News Literacy
- Teaching Difficult Topics Combating Anti-Semitism
- Early Literacy Examination of partnership with TC, review of the Science of Reading mandate
- Continued Focus on the Arts/Athletics/Balanced Opportunities for All
- "All Means All" (inclusive environments)
- Secondary STEM Offerings and Sequences

## Additional Priorities Identified 2023-24:



#### Topics for further exploration/focus:

- Safety and Security
- Enhancing Communication
   Introduction of Thought Exchange
   Enhanced Use of Social Media
   Exploration of Parent Square
- Enhancing Community Partnerships UPTC Legislative Comm. - Advocacy
- Continued Exploration of Shifting Demographics/Enrollment
- Responding to Concerns raised by Community Members
   Effective Communication
   "No Black Hole"
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Legislative "Top 10" (NYS and GNPS)

## Additional Priorities Identified 2023-24:



#### Topics for further exploration/focus:

- Transportation "Where's my Kid" - app
- Exploration for potential establishment of Capital Reserve
- Consistency (not uniformity) between programs
   North/South as well as all Elementary Schools
- "Unifying the District"
   School Spirit Opportunities
   Enhancing Parent Participation
   Athletics
- Examination of disciplinary (restorative) practices





- District Website (Central Hub of Information)
- 2. Official District Social Media Platforms Facebook - @greatneck.k12.ny.us Instagram - @greatneckpublicschools
- 3. Unofficial "Personal Platform"
  Please follow me on "X" (formerly Twitter)
  at: Dr. Bossert@GreatNeck\_Super
- 4. Various Building/District Newsletters, Calendars, Weekly email blasts, etc.
- 5. Potential Enhancement: Parent Square



#### **BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS:**

Great Neck's Leadership in Educating Against Antisemitism and All Forms of Hate

> Thursday, February 29, 2024 7-9 p.m.

North High School Gymnasium 35 Polo Road, Great Neck

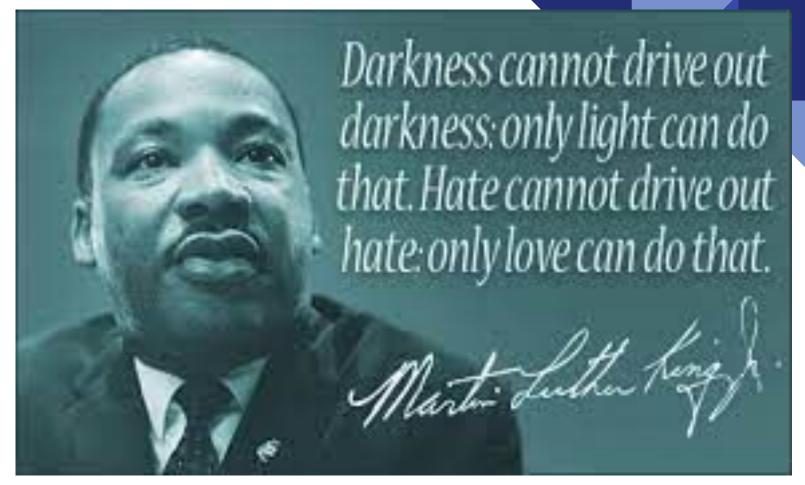


The entire GNPS school community is invited to attend this event that will showcase the District's efforts to build understanding and acceptance through education.

Join us for a gallery walk through informational tables and multimedia presentations that highlight District programs and community partnerships, including Responsive Classroom, Holocaust education, and anti-hate initiatives. Light refreshments will be served.



Please join us on February 29! All stakeholders (including students) are welcome!



February is Black History Month



## Questions/Comments

(Question/comments regarding individual staff members/students cannot be entertained. Please follow the appropriate chain of command.)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership!