



## PITMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Community:

As the school year progresses and we approach our favorite fall holidays, I'd like to take a moment to share some exciting updates from our schools.

### **Highlights from the October Board of Education Meeting**

At our recent Board of Education meeting, we proudly introduced new staff members to the community. We also welcomed reports from our newly appointed student representatives, Rebecca Mazzola and Aubrie Yordy, who are already proving to be great voices for our student body. In addition, Mr. Caltabiano presented an overview of the district's latest NJSLA scores, providing valuable insight into our students' progress. Memorial School Principal Mrs. Sager-Miller, along with our Preschool Instruction Coach, gave a detailed presentation on the results of a preschool quality study, highlighting the positive steps we are taking to enhance early education.

### **Memorial School Rain Garden**

We are thrilled to announce that Memorial School has received funding from the South Jersey Land & Trust to create a beautiful butterfly rain garden in front of the school library. This garden will not only serve as a visual enhancement, but also as an educational tool for our students. The installation will begin on October 23rd, and on October 28th, we'll hold an official "opening" ceremony, with classes invited to participate and learn more about the project.

### **Fall Drama Production**

Our fall musical season is quickly approaching! The Pitman Jr./Sr. High School Drama Association will be performing *The Wizard of Oz* from November 14th to the 17th. This beloved production is sure to be a hit, and we encourage the community to support our talented students. If you're interested in contributing or learning more, please reach out to [pitmandrama@gmail.com](mailto:pitmandrama@gmail.com).

## **Referendum Update**

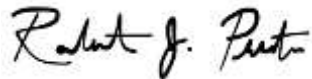
I'd also like to provide an update on our ongoing referendum efforts. The Referendum Communications Committee met on October 17th to review timelines and ensure we effectively communicate all aspects of the referendum to the community. In the coming weeks, we will be launching a dedicated webpage with detailed information, so please keep an eye out for updates.

## **Student Performance at the NJSBA Workshop 2024**

Finally, I'm delighted to share that Megan Mazzola and Fiona James gave a fantastic performance of the National Anthem at the New Jersey School Boards Convention on October 22nd. Singing in front of hundreds of board members and educators, they made our District proud with their talent and performance.

Thank you all for your continued support of our students and schools. We look forward to an exciting and productive fall season together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Preston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert J. Preston

Superintendent