



PITMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Community:

November was full of fun activities and excitement in our schools. Now that a full Marking Period is in the books, I'd like to share some exciting updates from our schools.

Highlights from the November Board of Education Meeting

It's an exciting time for our District as we see enrollment growing steadily, with nearly 40 more students joining us compared to this time last year. I'm particularly thrilled about the Board's approval of a new Esports Club at the Jr./Sr. High School—what a fantastic way to engage our students in modern, team-based activities! On the financial side, we're making strides to support our students' futures, thanks to a \$168,750 grant dedicated to career pathways. This is the fourth year of this grant program. An additional \$4,713 was added to the High Impact Tutoring Grant, now totaling \$62,713. Lastly, our commitment to safety remains strong with the approval of a shared services agreement for three School Resource Officers in partnership with the Borough of Pitman.

Board of Education Elections

Congratulations to our current Board members, Rebecca Higbee-Ionno and David Grossman, on their re-election to three-year terms on the Board of Education on November 5. I'm excited to continue collaborating with them as we work toward our shared goal of making Pitman Public Schools an outstanding District that serves our students and community with excellence.

Fall Drama Production

Congratulations to the cast, crew, and volunteers who brought *The Wizard of Oz* to life! From the Littles to the Jr./Sr. High School cast, the level of dedication and effort was truly impressive. Every moment, from the first step on stage to the final bow, was thoughtfully planned and executed. The show beautifully captured the spirit of *The Wizard of Oz*, immersing the audience in its magical world and timeless charm. Well done!

Homecoming Events

Homecoming events are well underway. Still to come is tonight's Powder Puff Football game and the Homecoming Football Game, which will be held on Thanksgiving Day. At the game the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned.

With Thanksgiving upon us, I want to express my gratitude at being entrusted to lead a District as dedicated and unique as Pitman. I want to wish you and your family a warm and happy holiday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Preston". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Robert J. Preston

Superintendent