



## PITMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Community,

March often feels like the longest month of the school year, and for good reason—it is also one of the busiest. As we navigate registration for our preschool program, finalize budgets, plan end-of-year activities, and simultaneously lay the groundwork for the upcoming academic year, the pace is fast but rewarding. We appreciate your continued support and engagement as we work through this crucial time.

### Updates from the March Board of Education Meeting

- Central Office Bid Awarded – A bid was awarded to Kavi Construction for alterations to the new Board of Education Office at Walls Elementary School. Once this space is completed, we plan to lease out existing space at Walls Elementary to generate additional revenue for the district.
- 2025-2026 School Calendar – The calendar for the upcoming school year has been finalized. Please see the attached document for details, including the most significant changes for next year.
- Memorial School Time Change – Effective at the start of the 2025-2026 school year, the school day at Memorial School will shift from 8:45 AM to 9:00 AM. This change will allow us to better structure our pre-kindergarten programming while minimizing disruptions across the district. We are providing ample notice to ensure families have time to adjust to the new schedule.

### Budget Advocacy

Our tentative budget has been submitted to the county. While we are fortunate to have received improved state aid compared to previous years, there is still much work to be done to ensure our financial stability. To advocate for our District, Board President Miller, Board member Rebecca Higbee-Ionno, District leaders, and I attended two key budget hearings before the New Jersey Legislature. On Tuesday, March 25, we testified before the Assembly Budget Committee, and on Wednesday, March 26, we presented to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. You can find our testimonies at the following links:

- [Assembly Budget Hearing](#) – Our testimony begins at the **3-hour, 40-minute** mark.
- [Senate Budget Hearing](#) – Our testimony begins at the **4-hour, 24-minute** mark.

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## **Spring Sports**

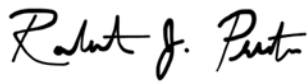
The arrival of spring means our student-athletes are back in action! Boys Tennis, Golf, Track and Field, Baseball, and Softball are all in full swing, and I encourage everyone to come out and support our teams. There's nothing quite like the energy of a game day, and I look forward to seeing many of you on the courts, at the track, on the diamond, and out on the course in the coming weeks.

## **Masquers Madagascar Jr. Performance**

We had an incredible turnout for the Masquers' production of *Madagascar Jr.*, and I was truly impressed by the depth and maturity of the performances. Our talented students brought energy and passion to the stage, creating an unforgettable experience for the audience. Congratulations to all the cast, crew, and directors who worked tirelessly to bring this production to life!

As always, thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your partnership is invaluable as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for our students

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Preston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert J. Preston

Superintendent