

Coffee & Conversation

with Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Frank Santora**

held at Nixon Elementary School • April 29, 2025





District Goals for 2024/2025

1 Implementation of a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

Foster an environment that enables all students to receive a robust, comprehensive and individualized plan for learning.

2 Portrait of a Graduate

Revise the Portrait of a Graduate, and focus our efforts on modifying it to be more reflective of recent staff, student and parent feedback.

3 Sustainability

Implement innovative programs to support students' sustainability.

4 Health & Wellness

Continue to cultivate a learning environment that promotes the emotional and physical well-being of all students.

5 Parent Education & Engagement

Provide meaningful learning opportunities for parents & guardians that assist them in supporting the academic, social, emotional needs of students.





How to Achieve Our Goals

- Board Retreat (July)
- Administrative Retreat (July/August)
- Consider innovative/creative concepts & programs
- Analyze data to determine the needs of our learning community
- Assess facilities needs/priorities
- Determine ways to fund programs/upgrades





Budget Highlights

Multi-Tiered System of Support

- District-wide partnership with LinkIT
- Incorporation of intervention block at the Elementary Level
- Enhancement of the In-Support of Learning Program at EMS

Special Services Department

- Special Class Autism Program (Elementary level)
- Special Class Preschool Disabilities Program (ABA-based program)
- Special Class Emotional Regulation Impairment Program (EMS)

Mental Health/Wellness

- Full time mental health clinician at RHS
- Special Law Enforcement Officer- Class II



Budget Highlights

Transportation

- Buses are equipped with **ZONAR**~ a Fleet management system that we use for inspections, GPS tracking, and turn-by-turn directions for our drivers.
- Rolling out **stopfinder** to our families:
 - **Stopfinder** is the all-in-one parent engagement app designed by parents for parents to keep you in the know.
 - Receive **bus location** (ETA and Geo Alerts available) and messages, updates and **alerts in real-time** .

Air Conditioning

- **RHS ~~** Entire Building is covered
- **EMS --** 50% of building is air conditioned, remainder of building scheduled for completion in the next year
- **LRS ~~** Only 20 classrooms remain without air conditioning, remainder is scheduled for completion in the next year
- **FES --** All spaces air conditioned, need to replace 6 window units
- **JES ~~** All spaces air conditioned
- **KES --** All spaces air conditioned except for cafeteria
- **NES ~~** All spaces air conditioned except for cafeteria

Budget Challenges



- 2% Tax Levy Cap
- Reduction in State Aid (S-2)
- Chapter 44
- Enrollment (Loss of over 500 students since 2013)
- Health Benefits Increases
- Special Education Costs
- Unfunded Mandates
- Facilities Concerns
- Cybersecurity Threats