



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the start of the fall season. Below are several important updates and points of pride from across our schools that reflect the outstanding work being done each day by our students, staff, and community. Thank you for taking a few moments to read and for your ongoing partnership and support.

Congratulations to Our Student Board Representatives

We are proud to announce that three Haddon Township High School seniors have been selected to represent the student body on the Haddon Township Board of Education: **Luke Baldoni, Aryhanna Applegate, and Lily Steele**. The Board has established a positive history of successful student contributions, and we look forward to continuing that tradition with our newest student leaders. Their perspectives and voices will add valuable insight to the governance and vision of our district.

Rohrer Middle School Presentation Highlights Academic Growth and Culture

Special thanks to **Rohrer Middle School Principal Mr. Andrew Swiecicki** and **Assistant Principal Mr. Kevin Greway**, who presented at last week's Board of Education meeting. Their presentation showcased meaningful progress in both academic achievement and school culture.

You can view the presentation beginning at the 17:15 mark of the meeting link below. **Assessment results show significant academic gains, while disciplinary referrals and serious incidents have decreased, evidence of years of collective effort by students, staff, and administrators.** The creative scheduling, innovative programs, and positive momentum at RMS are truly commendable.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mK3QAZXag-8>

District-Wide Assessment Results

At the 46-minute mark of the same meeting, **Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Chantelle Shorter** presented district-wide assessment data for grades 3–12. Her full slide deck will soon be available on our website, but I encourage you to watch her presentation first to understand just how encouraging these results are. These results represent the strongest growth and achievement scores we've seen in at least five years and likely more. While test results are only a snapshot, they reflect the culmination of collective priorities, focus, and instructional excellence across our schools. As a district, **we are proud but not**

satisfied and remain fully committed to providing the highest standards of excellence from Pre-K through Grade 12.

Retirement Announcement and Leadership Transition

I would like to recognize and thank **Mr. Butch Bruner, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds**, who will retire on **January 1, 2026**. Since joining our administrative team three years ago, Mr. Bruner has made remarkable improvements in organization, culture, and efficiency within our custodial and maintenance departments. He also played a key role in the planning and implementation of our bond referendum projects, ensuring quality and accountability throughout.

Congratulations also to **Mr. Mario Casanas**, who will be promoted internally to this leadership role following Mr. Bruner's retirement. Mario has been an outstanding member of our team and is well prepared for this next step.

Board Leadership at the NJ School Boards Convention

This week, I joined other Camden County superintendents and Board of Education members at the **annual NJ School Boards Convention** in Atlantic City. Of special note, **Board President Ms. Kellie Hinkle**, in partnership with a Gloucester County board president, led a full-capacity session titled *"Follow the Money: A School Funding Formula Primer."* The session provided an overview of the **School Funding Reform Act (SFRA)** and helped attendees understand how state funding formulas impact student success and district planning. The room was filled to capacity 15 minutes before it began, an impressive reflection of Ms. Hinkle's growing leadership and expertise in this critical area. Her efforts to educate and advocate for fair school funding deserve recognition and applause.

Join the Haddon Township Education Foundation (HTEF)

The **Haddon Township Education Foundation** is seeking new members and leaders. Please consider attending their next meeting **tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Haddon Township High School, Room 106**. You'll see firsthand how **grant funding directly supports classrooms** and enhances opportunities for students. All HTEF meetings are open to the public. If you can't attend but would like to get involved, please email me directly, and I'll be happy to connect you with this important group. For more information and upcoming meeting dates, visit their website below:

<https://htedfoundation.org/>

Positive Feedback on Cell Phone Policy

Thank you to our middle and high school students and parents for your strong support and compliance with the new **cell phone policy**. We've received overwhelmingly positive feedback, with students reporting better focus and improved classroom engagement.

Because of this success, we will not be pursuing the more restrictive, state-endorsed incentive program that would require phones to be locked in cases for the entire school day in exchange for state funding. Your cooperation and support are appreciated and recognized.

Bond Project Progress and Upcoming Events

Several bond projects are nearing completion, and we'll soon share photo updates highlighting these exciting improvements. Attached is a recent **drone photo of the High School Field**, which is now receiving its new turf installation. The field will soon be enjoyed by our students, athletic programs, and community groups.

The **Thanksgiving Eve Football Game vs. Audubon** will mark the **official grand opening and ribbon-cutting celebration**, held under the lights at **7:00 p.m. on November 26**. Before that, we are especially excited to welcome students for the **first official use of the turf** during the **Girls Powder Puff Game on Tuesday** as part of a "soft opening."

We look forward to seeing the community come together for these special events that symbolize progress, pride, and unity.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools, our staff, and most importantly, our students. The success of Haddon Township School District is a shared effort, and I remain deeply grateful for our collective spirit and community pride.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent