

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools



A Community of Learners Seeking Excellence Together

A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Scotch Plains-Fanwood Community,

January is School Board Recognition Month, making it a perfect time to publicly recognize the commitment and service of our Board of Education members. Our board members generously volunteer their time, energy, and expertise in service to our students, families, and communities.

I appreciate how our Board of Education is always guided by what is best for SPF students; they approach every decision with care, collaboration, and a clear focus on student success.

Please take a moment this month to thank our Board members for their commitment. I would also like to congratulate our newly sworn in Board members; you can read more about them in a story below.

On behalf of the district, thank you to the Board of Education for working to ensure the best possible outcomes for all students.

- Evan Murray, President, Scotch Plains
- Tonya Williams, Vice President, Scotch Plains
- Sonali Barve, Scotch Plains
- Jason Benedict, Fanwood
- Amy Boroff, Fanwood
- Deb Brody, Scotch Plains
- John Greenblatt, Scotch Plains
- Karen Kulikowski, Scotch Plains
- Stephanie Suriani, Scotch Plains

Sincerely,



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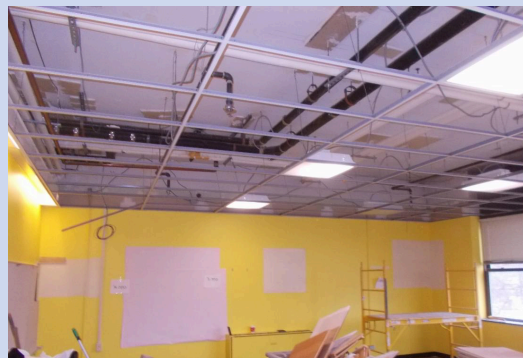
A new fire alarm main panel has been installed at Brunner Elementary School.



Selective demolition has been completed in the first floor of the La Grande building.



Selective demolition has been completed in the first floor of the La Grande building.



Selective demolition is also underway on the second floor of the La Grande building.

The spfk12.org website is regularly updated with referendum news and progress. Please visit the site to stay up to date.

Current work that is underway includes:

- Fire Alarm System upgrades at Brunner, Coles, Evergreen, and School One.
- La Grande Elementary - Renovations of the interior of the first floor of the La Grande building and selective demolition of the second floor. This work is expected to be completed in time to welcome eligible pre-kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year.

The district also split the electrical and HVAC projects into two packages, based on the complexity of the required electrical work and lead times for equipment.

Brunner, Evergreen and McGinn electrical and HVAC work begins this winter and is expected to be completed by Fall 2026. Coles, School One, Nettingham, Terrill, and SPFHS begins in Spring 2026 and is expected to be completed by Fall 2027.

Questions? Email future@spfk12.org

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U.S. Marine Corps Surprises SPFHS Senior



SPFHS senior Daniel Burke received a surprise visit at the high school on Jan. 7, when Capt. Maximillian Berry visited to give Daniel a \$180,000 tuition check from the United States Marine Corps. The Marines will pay the full tuition cost for the college of Daniel's choice, and he will then commit to four years of Marine Corps service after college graduation. His family, along with guidance counselor, Mr. John McManus, assistant principal, Mr. Ralph Gerace, and principal, Dr. Warren Hynes, joined in congratulating Daniel.



Board of Education Swears in Three Members

Three members were sworn in to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education during a reorganization meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6. Jason Benedict (Fanwood), John Greenblatt (Scotch Plains), and Stephanie Suriani (Scotch Plains) were officially sworn in to serve three-year terms on the nine-member Board.

"We are fortunate to have Mr. Benedict, Mr. Greenblatt, and Mrs. Suriani on the Board of Education," said Superintendent Dr. Joan Mast. "Their diverse experiences and perspectives will be an asset as we continue to take a student-focused approach and plan for the long-term success of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools."

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Governor's Educator of the Year Recipients Recognized at Board of Education Meeting



At the Thursday, Jan. 22 Board of Education meeting, Scotch Plains-Farwood Public Schools recognized 15 exceptional teachers and educational services professionals nominated for the 2025-2026 Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Program.

[Read More Here](#)

Get Your Tickets Now: *Guys and Dolls*



SPFHS Repertory Theatre is thrilled to present *Guys and Dolls*, the beloved Broadway musical that brings together gamblers, showgirls, and unlikely romances in a colorful, high-energy celebration of love and luck. Featuring music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and based on the classic stories of Damon Runyon, *Guys and Dolls* is widely regarded as one of the greatest American musicals of all time. Tickets are on sale now at spfhsrep.com.

Performance Schedule:

- Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m.
- Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

[Learn more](#)

Union County Awards Grant to Bring iDance Group to SPFHS

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School was proudly awarded a \$1,750 grant from the Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board to bring María Daniels' iDance Experience to students this spring.

The grant will support Revolution Reimagined, a dynamic program led by iDance for students in the Social Justice Teaching Academy and the Black Student Union. Through dance, students will build creative expression and engage in meaningful mentorship opportunities.

"We are grateful to Union County for supporting this initiative, which will provide our students with inspiring experiences in dance and personal growth," said Wayne Mallette, Supervisor of Fine & Performing Arts. "Art and movement offer a powerful way to examine important issues while fostering a positive and collaborative learning environment."



In 2023, María Daniel from iDance hosted a stepping workshop with the Black Student Union (Photo). The Union County Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board recently awarded a \$1,750 grant to bring iDance for students this spring.



SPIFFY SAYS

*"Stay up to date with
District events using
the **calendar!**"*

Feb. 3, 7 p.m. – Coles 4th Grade Winter Concert

Feb. 4, 7 p.m. – McGinn Winter Concert

Feb. 4, 10 a.m. – SPFHS National Letter of Intent Signing

Feb. 11, 7 p.m. – SPFHS Cabaret Night
Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. – Coles Multi-cultural Night
Feb. 12, 7:00 p.m. – The Price of Silence (see flyer below)
Feb. 16 – Schools Closed (President's Day)
Feb. 17 – Schools Closed for Students (Staff PD Day)
Feb. 19, 8 p.m. – BOE Meeting in SPFHS Media Center
Feb. 20, 3 – 4:15 p.m. – Nettingham 8th Grade Vs. Staff Volleyball Game
Feb. 25 – School One PTA Multi-Cultural Night

See more events on the District Calendar

THE PRICE OF SILENCE

NJ PBS 3 part film screening
and panel discussion

Ridgeley Hutchinson
Writer & Executive Producer

Krystal Langford
Featured Historian

Linda Caldwell Epps
Featured Historian

Malcolm Rolling
Featured Artist

Thursday, February 12th at 7pm
Terrill Middle School
1301 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains

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Social Justice Matters

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