



May 4, 2026


Over the past several years, our schools have been recognized for various state and national achievements, we have had record numbers of high school graduates leave our schools to attend colleges and trade schools or enter the workforce or military, and we have had students receive partial and full scholarships to continue their education after high school, including to some of the most prestigious universities in the world.

These things would not be possible without meeting our goals of college preparation and career readiness for every child, which begins with our teachers providing rigorous classroom instruction and setting high expectations for our students.


As we join school districts throughout the nation in celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, we would like to thank each and all our teachers for your extraordinary efforts and the countless hours you dedicate to ensuring our students achieve excellence. It is through your tireless commitment to educating our students that they receive the skills, knowledge, and character to leave our schools, discover their unique pathway to success, and make a positive impact on the Elizabeth community and beyond.

We are grateful for your devoted service to Elizabeth Public Schools during Teacher Appreciation Week, on National Teacher Appreciation Day, and throughout the year. We hope you enjoy a week that celebrates you and the great things you do daily as an educator that truly makes the Elizabeth Public Schools learning community a special place.

Sincerely,



Maria Z. Carvalho
Board President



Dr. Olga Hugelmeier
Superintendent of Schools

Elizabeth Board of Education



Maria Z. Carvalho
President



Stephanie Goncalves Pestana
Vice President



Diane Barbosa



Charlene Bathelus



Iliana Chevres



Stephanie Clervoyant-Noel



Jerry D. Jacobs



Rosa E. Moreno Ortega



Isaias J. Rivera