



Township of Ocean Schools

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SPARTAN MISSION:

Meeting the needs of all students with a proud tradition of academic excellence.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to share that beginning next school year, the Township of Ocean Intermediate School will be implementing CommonLit 360 as our core curriculum resource for English Language Arts in Grades 6–8.

CommonLit 360 is a comprehensive literacy program designed to support students in reading, writing, vocabulary development, discussion, and critical thinking. We are moving in this direction because the program offers a strong, standards-aligned curriculum with engaging texts, clear instructional routines, and built-in supports for students at a range of reading levels. It also provides teachers with meaningful tools to monitor student progress and respond to students' needs.

This spring, our English Language Arts, Special Education ELA, and ESL teachers participated in professional training focused on understanding the CommonLit 360 curriculum. During the training, teachers explored instructional resources and planned for effective classroom implementation. In addition, several teachers are currently piloting portions of the program with students. This pilot is helping us gather feedback and make thoughtful decisions before full implementation next year.

Our goal is to provide students with a consistent, high-quality literacy experience across Grades 6–8. Families can expect students to engage with a variety of texts, participate in meaningful discussions, develop written responses, and build the skills needed for success in middle school and beyond.

For more information about CommonLit 360 from a parent perspective, please visit:

<https://support.commonlit.org/article/202-i-am-a-parent-what-is-commonlit-360>

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's education.

Sincerely,

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