



## HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

Last evening, the Board of Education held its regular public meeting. Please see the updates below, along with the accompanying video link and attachments, as well as additional district information. Thank you for your continued support of our schools and your partnership in education. I hope everyone has a safe and meaningful Memorial Day weekend.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfQDXYrxzMw>

#### **High School All-American Recognition**

It is the highest individual achievement honor for a high school student-athlete to be recognized as a High School All-American. We are proud to share that Haddon Township High School currently has two students who have earned this honor following record-setting performances. Ryan Quinn, a senior, earned All-American recognition in swimming and will continue his swim career at Notre Dame. Shelby Hutchinson, who will be entering 11th grade next year, has also earned All-American recognition in swimming. The district will soon hang a new red, white, and blue banner in the high school gym with their names. Two former graduates, Luke Chatten in soccer and Kevin Falkenstein in swimming, will also be added to the banner. Haddon Township High School has now had four student-athletes earn All-American recognition in school history. Congratulations to Ryan, Shelby, Luke, Kevin, their families, and their coaches, who have set the highest standard of excellence for future generations of Haddon Township Hawks.

#### **Rohrer Middle School Math Recognition**

Congratulations to our 6th-grade math students at Rohrer Middle School, under the direction of their teacher, Ms. Aileen Fallon, for earning 1st place in New Jersey and 3rd place nationally in the Magma Math Solution Competition. This is an outstanding achievement. Magma Math was added this year to increase rigor and enrichment in our math classrooms, and our students are clearly rising to the challenge. Magma Math will be sponsoring a pizza party for the students to recognize this accomplishment.

## **Visual and Performing Arts**

Congratulations to the HTHS Musical Theatre Production class, which presented a final project on Wednesday evening. Students developed the concept, held auditions, planned rehearsals, directed, designed, and performed the production. Please also consider joining us for these upcoming events:

- May 27: RMS Spring Concert at 7:00 PM.
- June 3: HS Spring Concert, Senior VPA Awards Banquet, and Art Gallery. Banquet from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, gallery opens at 6:00 PM, and the concert begins at 7:00 PM.

## **REC Event on May 29**

Please see the attached flyer for an upcoming event sponsored by the Haddon Township Police Department in partnership with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office. The event is called REC, which stands for Recognize, Educate, Change. It is designed to build positive connections between students, families, and law enforcement through recreational activities in a relaxed setting. The event will be held on Friday, May 29, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at Haddon Township High School. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. The event is open to all Haddon Township youth.

## **Haddon Township Education Foundation**

A special thank you to the Haddon Township Education Foundation, which will be providing more than \$20,000 in funding through its most recent cycle of teacher classroom grants. HTEF also joined us at last evening's Board of Education meeting, where a winning ticket was selected for the 10-week Raffle Club. All proceeds from this effort directly benefit Haddon Township students and classrooms, and we thank everyone who participated.

## **Thank You**

I would also like to recognize Ms. Nancy Novitsky, who is retiring after 36 years as a lunch aide at Strawbridge Elementary School. This type of commitment is rare and deserves formal acknowledgment. We thank Ms. Novitsky for her many years of service to our students, staff, and families.

## **HOPE Club and Student Leadership**

The HTHS HOPE Club, Hawks Opposed to Prejudice Everywhere, will soon host 5th-grade students for student-to-student mentoring focused on kindness, empathy, and inclusion. This work connects directly to themes from our recent elementary student voice survey, where students identified kindness and belonging as important areas of focus. The HOPE Club and other high school student groups will also participate in the upcoming Haddon Township Pride Parade on Thursday, June 4.

## **HTHS Rowing**

The HTHS Rowing Team continues to have an excellent season and has qualified for the US Rowing Youth National Championships in Sarasota, Florida. Five boats earned state championship medals, including gold for the Girls Varsity Quad of Kate Gasiorowski, Caroline Hollingsworth, Payton Cronin, and Malie Brown. This is the 6th consecutive year the Girls Varsity Quad has earned this honor. Four boats also qualified for the Scholastic National Championship in Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

- Girls Varsity Quad: Kate Gasiorowski, Caroline Hollingsworth, Payton Cronin, Malie Brown
- Boys Varsity Quad: Michael Gasiorowski, Callum Coughlin, Thomas Sheehan, Gavin Dunn
- Girls JV Quad: Julia Santomauro, Chloe Cook, Genny Apicella, Marley Broyles
- Boys JV Quad: Jamie Hargrove Milam, Granger Revier, Luke Adams, Christian Geist

At the Stotesbury Cup Regatta, three crews advanced to the finals. The Boys Varsity Quad finished 6th overall and was the 4th fastest boat from the United States.

Congratulations to our rowers, coaches, and families.

## **Bond Referendum and Construction Update**

Construction work near the high school art rooms and emerging technologies space has been temporarily halted due to evidence of motor oil residue associated with the former automotive garage area. Before work can continue in this area, which will become two additional classrooms and a wellness space, the issue must be properly reviewed and addressed. The district is now working with an environmental cleanup agency. There is no current danger to students. The affected area is not in the vicinity of where students receive instruction or participate in daily activities. We are also working to resolve a plumbing issue connected to the new locker rooms and bathrooms under the stadium. Our goal is to have this resolved in time for high school graduation.

## **Right At School Transition**

I have received a number of emails and phone calls regarding the transition to Right At School, which will coordinate our summer recreation and before- and after-school programs beginning next school year. A few points need to be clarified. All former district employees from last year will have the opportunity to work in these programs this year. This includes our current high school students, who were incorrectly told they could not work because many have not yet turned 18. Also, Right At School recently charged a \$75 registration fee for next year's childcare program. This fee was not approved by the district. Families who already paid it will receive a \$75 credit toward their next invoice. Thank you for your patience as we work through this transition. We will continue working directly with Right At School to ensure the program transition meets district expectations and effectively supports our students and families.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent