



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Parents, Guardian, and Staff,

Please see the following updates from around the district. Thank you for your continued support, and have a great day.

Employment Opportunities

Our school district currently continues to have several **vacancies for part-time support staff, paraprofessionals, and special education assistants**. These jobs typically start at **\$16.50 per hour** and are generally structured with 30 hours of work per week. Interested applicants should apply to Dana Cotter via email at DCotter@htsd.us. Furthermore, ***we are also looking for additional substitute teachers, and we have raised our daily pay rate from \$90 to \$100 beginning in January.*** Please feel free to share this information with the broader community and use social media circles. HTSD is an excellent place to work, and we are committed to doing everything possible to support our students.

Bicycle Safety

Over the past several weeks, I have noticed that many students have continued to ride bicycles to and from school despite the weather becoming colder and the days shorter. Riding a bike to and from school is an excellent habit that promotes health, wellness, and physical activity. However, in recent weeks, I have been increasingly concerned with student safety. Cars are speeding around town, especially on McCarthur Boulevard, right where many of our students enter and exit the area on bicycles for arrival and dismissal. Tragically, there was a student death in another Camden County district a few weeks ago. We have to work together to spread awareness for bicycle and pedestrian safety, especially during this time of the year and the busyness of the season.

COVID Update

We are closely monitoring the escalating situation with covid and the omicron variant. At this time, the Board of Education is committed to following our current safety protocols and school procedures, which include social distancing to the fullest extent possible, mandatory masks, and a travel quarantine requirement for unvaccinated individuals. We are also currently committed to our model of daily in-person instruction for all students. Please help our commitment to educating all students in person while mitigating the risk of transmission by **keeping your child(ren) home from school if they do not feel well** and having them tested by your

pediatrician or family physician.

Acknowledgments

I want to take a moment to applaud our performing arts department for two fantastic live performances last week as part of our winter concert series. The performances were inspirational and outstanding, but these shows' excitement and enthusiasm were truly special because they were the first live performances in more than 16 months. Before each concert, I had the opportunity to visit with some of the students and teachers and remember the feeling of a buzz and anticipation of the pre-performance. These nights were just a small representation of why our school district must remain steadfast in doing everything within our power to provide students with as many opportunities as we can to enjoy these events despite this horrible pandemic.

Emergency Management System

On Thursday, December 23rd, we will be testing our school district emergency notification system. All employees, parents, and guardians will receive a test email and phone message before 5 pm on Thursday. If you do not receive these notifications, please feel free to email Mr. Todd Green, District Technology Supervisor at TGreen@htsd.us.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the Board of Education, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. However you chose to celebrate, I hope you will do so with thankfulness, gratitude, and reflection as we enter 2022. I feel very fortunate to serve as Superintendent of Schools in Haddon Township, and I hope you are grateful and proud to be part of this school community.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent