



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Broadcast

Dear Parents/Guardians & Staff,

I trust that this email finds you well and enjoying a beautiful Friday afternoon. As I write this email, our high school students and staff are gathering together on the football field for a pep rally, and I can't help to think how much things have changed in one school year. Although COVID cases continue to occur, the pandemic has **not** disrupted the opening of school, and I am pleased to report on our successful start. Please see the district updates below and have a great weekend.

Shared Vision 2.0

During the last few years, our school community participated in many surveys and focus groups organized around planning our school district's future. The data collected was analyzed, and we created and released a shared community vision to the public last spring. Since then, our teachers have dedicated some in-service time to providing feedback, and we have produced the final version of the shared vision. Attached to this email is version 2.0, which describes what we stand for, who we are, and where we aspire to go, both in principle and action.

Future Plans

At last evening's Board of Education meeting, I discussed the attached presentation. As we look to the future, three distinct themes have emerged that will require an investment in planning and resources, and those areas are:

1. **Investment in Early Childhood Education to Implement Full-Day Kindergarten and Pre-K**
2. **School District Safety Enhancements (Physical and Psychological)**
3. **Commitment to Community and Programs that can provide pathways for us to build on past success and strengthen bonds between families, students, and employees while creating more optimal conditions for innovative learning**

The ideas on each slide are not a final product, but each theme carefully aligns with the feedback collected over the past several years. Our next step will be to formally invite the district's architect to next month's meeting and to consider the feasibility of potential improvements. **If we decide to move forward with large-scale projects requiring a bond referendum, it will be no earlier than next September of 2023.** Such as process will allow us six full months for collaborative planning and additional six months for a community campaign.

Student Recognition

Four students were also recognized at last night's Board of Education meeting, and please join me in congratulating them. Senior Class President Nathan Birdwell and Student Council President Ava Moran joined the Board of Education as non-voting members last evening. As

the district aims to incorporate more student voices into future planning, Nathan and Ava will be our student liaisons for the current school year. Brady Eagan has also been selected as the Herren Wellness New Jersey Ambassador. Brady's selection is another example of Haddon Township students serving as catalysts for positive change in our community and nationally. Finally, HTHS student athlete Jairo Padin was selected among all players as the Courier Post South Jersey Player of the Week last week as Hawk Football started the season 2-0. Congratulations, Jairo! Links for Brady and Jairo can be found below, and other district updates can be found in the attachment.

<https://herrenproject.org/youth-ambassadors/#:~:text=Herren%20Project's%20Youth%20Ambassador%20program,in%20their%20communities%20and%20nationally.>

<https://www.courierpostonline.com/videos/sports/high-school/2022/09/13/haddon-townships-jairo-padin-south-jersey-gridiron-gang-player-week/10366333002/>

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