



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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HOLMDEL 2020 INITIATIVE: A PLAN FOR THE “WHOLE STUDENT”

HOLMDEL (September 8, 2017) – It is widely recognized that schools and communities that are committed to the development of the whole child work hard to foster an environment that promotes the learning and practice of healthy lifestyles. Participation in Physical Education classes and school-based and community sports programs is an important part of developing a healthy community as these activities prepare students to live healthy and engaged lives after they graduate.

This was clearly something on the minds of many parent and community members who served on the Holmdel 2020 Initiative Committee, an ad hoc group that worked with the Board of Education earlier this year as it developed the Holmdel 2020 plans. With committee support, approximately one fifth of the overall referendum budget is allocated to enhancing facilities used by the schools and the community (over fifty percent of the budget is focused on academic needs, including the arts). Highlights of this part of the overall Holmdel 2020 plan include:

- New Track, Turf and Lights at Roggy Field;
- New (and relocated) Tennis Courts with Lights for evening play;
- Upgraded Fields and Irrigation for all Grass playing Fields;
- The addition of a Multi-purpose Physical Education Room to be utilized for fitness activities such as stretching and yoga as well as for wrestling;
- Renovation of Satz Locker Rooms;
- Replacement of Gym Floors at Indian Hill and Village School.

The plan also calls for air conditioning to be added to the older gyms at Village, Indian Hill and Satz that are not currently equipped with air conditioning. “Promoting student health and well-being is critical to our mission,” said Superintendent Robert McGarry, “and our PE and Athletics programs are one important way we address these.” A recent report indicated that 565 students participated in the high school’s athletic programs. “The use of our facilities is intense,” said Supervisor of Athletics, Physical Education and Health Shane Fallon, “the Holmdel 2020 Initiative will go a long way in improving their quality and helping us to expand opportunities for students to engage in our programs,” he added.

More information about the Athletics components of the Holmdel 2020 Initiative and the entire referendum can be found on the district website.

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