



HOLMDEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
DR. J. SCOTT CASCOE

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October 14, 2022

Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

I hope this finds you all well and having had a good week. The district and its schools are now humming in rhythm as we enter the thick of the autumn season. The high school athletic teams have begun postseason play; we wish them all the best of success in the conference and state tournaments. Rehearsals and preparations for the high school fall play are also underway. The high school theater department will be performing *Empowered: How One Girl Scout Nearly Destroyed the World's Economy* by Don Zoldis on November 17th through the 19th at 7pm in the Holmdel HS Auditorium.

Last night, Holmdel High School hosted its annual open house. The evening was well attended by 8th grade parents/guardians and students who had an opportunity to tour the facilities and hear from professional educators, as well as current students. For your information, I have linked the [promotional video](#) from the program which highlights the district's technology and engineering offerings, as well as Principal Kukoda's [presentation](#).

Pursuant to last week's community letter, the board met for a special public meeting on Monday, October 10th to interview prospective partners who could work with the district in the development of a long range strategic plan. No action was taken that evening. The board and administration will continue to research additional prospective partners and intends to appoint the consultant no later than the December public meeting.

**Parent Portal to access reports:** This morning, you should have received an email from LinkIt! Parent Portal. Please see [here](#) for directions on how to access 2022-2023 assessment data including NJSLA 2022, NWEA MAP (Grades 1-6), i-Ready Diagnostics (Grades 4-6) and LinkIt! Benchmarks (Grades 7-12), as well as previous years data. Please note that LinkIt! Form A assessment is a diagnostic. This means that it assesses students' in ALL grade level expectations, including concepts that may not be introduced until later in the year. The purpose of these assessments is to track mastery towards grade-level expectations throughout the year, so it is likely that students will demonstrate increased proficiency with each new testing cycle.

**NJSLA Individual Score Reports** - By now, you should have received your child's individual score reports from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments. For more information on

understanding score reports, please visit [The New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#). If you have not received the report, please contact your child's school main office.

**ICYMI**

The district is interested in gathering feedback with regard to yours and your children's experience to start the year. To this end, a short [pulse survey](#) has been created. Kindly, take a moment to provide us with your thoughts as they are critical to our continuous improvement and ensuring consistency in student experience ([district goal #2.](#))

Now that the school year is in full swing, don't forget to check out the [District Calendar](#) for upcoming events.

I thank you for your time and consideration and wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

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Sincerely,



Dr. J. Scott Cascone  
Superintendent