



October 7, 2022

Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

I hope this finds you well and successfully navigated through this rainy week. As it always does, the sun has emerged again to brighten our spirits.

This week, the district moved forward with all earnestness and diligence in recognizing the Week of Respect. Our ongoing goal is to make our schools nurturing and inviting environments for all students, at all times. I am hopeful that the renewed focus and emphasis which the district has placed on positive student behavior and the school environment may be of reassurance to our parents and students.

Now that the opening of the school is behind us, 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.](#))

Special Public BOE Meeting

Pursuant to 2022-23 [board goal # 2](#) and [district goal # 1](#), the board will be convening a meeting on Monday, October 10th to interview several prospective consultants to partner with the district to facilitate the development of a 5 year strategic plan. The interviewing of the candidates will be conducted in a closed executive session from approximately 6:30-8:30. The discussion and deliberations by the board will take place in a public session on the same evening starting approximately at 8:30. This portion of the meeting will be accessible via Zoom and the link will be posted to the district [webpage](#) within 24 hours of the meeting. Members of the public may also attend in person at the high school media center.

The strategic plan communicates the organization's goals, the priorities needed to achieve those goals, and metrics used to measure progress on those goals. It includes both the academic and operational aspects of the school district. You can find additional information on the strategic plan process on the [New Jersey School Board Association's](#) website.

Health Education Parent Presentation

On Monday, October 3rd, the district hosted a parent information session on the revised health education curriculum which is slated for board approval at the October 26, 2022 BOE meeting. Click [here](#) to view the presentation along with an accompanying screencastify explanatory video. Also linked is a list of [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#). This will be a live document; the district administration will continue to add to it as we receive constructive questions from our parent community.

ICYMI

Reminder: Monday, October 10, 2022 - Early Dismissal for Students. To view the modified dismissal times please click [here](#).

PSAT Testing - Wednesday, October 12, 2022 - [Letter from Dr. Kukoda](#)

NJSLA Individual Score Reports - *The district will be mailing home individual score reports from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments today.* For more information on understanding score reports, please visit [The New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#).

High School Open House

Holmdel High School will be hosting an open house on **October 13, 2022** from 6:30-8:30pm. This event is geared primarily towards families and students in 8th grade who are considering attending high school outside of the district at either parochial or county vocational schools.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

As we look around and welcome the Autumn colors of orange, red and yellow, lest we forget to wear our pink for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This special time of the year is dedicated to the importance of raising awareness and promoting early detection of breast cancer. We wear pink to celebrate our survivors and honor and remember our loved ones. So don't forget to wear your pink shirt, sweater, tie - ribbons all month!

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