



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Office of the Superintendent*

June 10, 2022

Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

I hope this finds you all well. The season of moving up ceremonies, culminations, and commencements is now upon us. As the superintendent of schools I have the honor and privilege of seeing both ends of the spectrum from kindergarten celebrations to our forthcoming middle school graduation and high school commencement ceremonies. Watching our kindergarten students emerging as confident readers, filling the air with heartwarming songs, and brimming with positivity, always renews in me, as a superintendent, a commitment. It is a commitment that each and everyone of those children finish their school years in our district with the same exuberance, joy, and confidence.

Please find the details with regard to the dates and times for the middle school and high school graduations below as previously shared by the building principals. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Satz - Monday, June 20th @ 7:00 pm

High School - Tuesday, June 21st @ 7:00 pm

Location-Bob Roggy Field

Next week will also commence final examinations at the high school. Please be reminded that the high school operates on a half-day schedule for next week. The final day of classes for students is Tuesday, June 21 which is a half-day and early dismissal for all students.

ICYMI: I have linked the flier and registration site for the upcoming [6th Annual HFEE 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run - Saturday 6/18/22](#). Please join me in coming out for a day of community, family fun, and raising money for our schools and children.

G&T Update: Our gifted and talented program and eligibility criteria for services follow best practices in gifted education, and unlike many other school districts in New Jersey, Holmdel is fully compliant with the Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act. Decisions for eligibility and services are made by a trained committee and there are no waivers to override

their recommendations. We are planning a town hall meeting where members of our community can learn more about our continuum of services. More details about the meeting will be forthcoming. In the meantime, I invite you to visit our district gifted and talented [website](#) to learn more about eligibility criteria and the multiple measures the committee considers when determining which services align best with your children's needs.

LinkIt Student Reports: As previously communicated in my weekly updates, it was the district's intention to distribute individual school reports for the LinkIt spring benchmark. I've learned today that a complication on the vendor side has led to a delay in the processing of these reports. I have communicated to the vendor the urgency for ensuring that these reports are prepared and ready for distribution to the parents by next week. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Holmdel Public Library: Please find the following flyer regarding programs at [Holmdel Library June.pdf](#) including information pertaining to summer reading for youngsters. We are appreciative of our partners in the public library for offering these fun and educational programs and encourage you to check them out with your child.

Save the date: A parental meet and greet for incoming co-principal Mrs. Farese is scheduled at Village School on June 16th, at 7:00PM.

Finally, tonight our high school seniors will celebrate their senior prom. It has been a week of long-standing and popular traditions for our seniors as they enjoyed their senior breakfast and picnic on Thursday. We wish them all the best for an enjoyable and equally important, safe evening. As a parent of a 12th grader, I know firsthand the happiness and in some ways bitter sweetness of these days. Take a moment to enjoy and celebrate these occasions. In addition, take pride in all that your child has accomplished due in large part to your loving and active engagement as parents and guardians.

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

Sincerely,



Dr. J. Scott Cascone
Superintendent of Schools