



## HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### *Office of the Superintendent*

June 17, 2022

Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

I hope this finds you all well as we conclude the penultimate week of the 2021–22 school year. The season of celebration continued in earnest on Wednesday at the Board of Education's special public meeting. At that time, the achievements of our Village, Indian Hill, and Satz School students were recognized by the board and administration. The award ceremony and Board of Education Meeting can be accessed through the following [video link](#).

*Graduation Live Streams:* As previously shared, the Satz and High school graduation ceremonies will take place next week. The events will be live streamed for family members and friends who may not be able to travel to the ceremony in person. You may find the links to those live streams below. They will be activated and shared again in closer proximity to the date and time of the ceremony.

[Satz Graduation Live Stream Link](#)

[Holmdel High School Commencement Live Stream Link](#)

*High School Curb Work:* If you have entered the high school complex in recent days, you have likely noticed some contracting work, which is being done to the curbing within the main parking lot. This detailed work proceeds the larger milling and paving of the parking lot, which will occur on June 27. The project is being implemented in a cost saving, shared service with the county and local township and as such, brought with it certain constraints with regard to timeline. Rest assured that we are fully aware and are carefully overseeing the progress. We anticipate that all areas affecting the movement of our graduating classes will be completed in a neat, finished, and safe condition.

*ESEA Stakeholder Survey:* As previously distributed, the district is conducting a stakeholder survey to provide input for its FY2023 ESEA programming and budgetary planning (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023). The [Stakeholder Input Survey 2022 Holmdel Township Schools](#) is open until Monday, June 20th.

**The district is also gathering feedback to help inform board and district goal setting for next year. We invite you to fill out this brief [survey](#) via the recently implemented [Qualtrics](#) platform.**

*ICYMI:* The *Summer Step Up* program can be used to improve skills in Math and ELA. If your child's scores indicate less than typical growth indicating the need for further skill development, I urge you to take advantage of these programs so that your child can be better prepared for the upcoming school year in these core subjects. Emails were sent out with invitations for the programs for students that qualify. [Here](#) is the link to our enrollment form for Summer Step Up.

*New Website:* The new district website is now up and running. We have received some excellent feedback from our stakeholders, which we have considered, and in most cases implemented. Please visit our site and let us know what you think.

*District Hashtag:* After some feedback gathering and discussion, we have landed on [#WeAreHolmdel](#) as the district social media hashtag. Schools will also use a variation of this, i.e. [#WeAreVillage](#), [#WeAreSatz](#) etc. Please feel free to use these hashtags in your social media posts.

On Monday, June 20, the federal holiday of Juneteenth will be observed in the United States. This is a most significant date for our nation recognizing the emancipation of the last enslaved persons in the south. It is now celebrated throughout the country as a holiday commemorating American emancipation from slavery. In the words of Winston Churchill, "those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it". Therefore, on this federal holiday, as we commemorate, may we also aspire to come together as Americans in unity to ensure that the freedom for which so many have sacrificed and for which so many had to wait and struggle remains intact in perpetuity. I look forward to attending a ceremony in Keyport tomorrow at which our S.T.A.R.S. program student Keith Bellamy, an accomplished Gospel singer, will be performing.

Finally to all the dads, thank you. In the words of the late, great coach Jim Valvano, "My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: He believed in me." There can be no overestimating the importance of you in the lives of your children. Fatherhood is a pillar upon which our society and our future rests. It is in this knowledge that we may both take pride and renew our commitment to this most rewarding and challenging mission, which we have accepted. Happy Father's Day!

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

Sincerely,



Dr. J. Scott Cascone  
Superintendent of Schools