

A message from the Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 10, 2019

State Officials Visit, Offer Help with Funding

WE welcomed more than a dozen officials from the NJ Department of Education and Legislature this week. Our message regarding our funding crisis is being heard.

It was my great pleasure, along with members of administration and the Cherry Hill Board of Education, to welcome NJ Commissioner of Education Dr. Lamont Repollet and his team, as well as Senator James Beach and Representatives Pamela Lampitt and Louis Greenwald, for a tour of some of our schools on Tuesday, May 7. This event has been months in the planning, with the help of Sen. Beach and his staff. The state officials spent their morning with us, boarding a school bus at Malberg to tour John A. Carusi Middle School (boys' locker room pictured above), Joyce Kilmer Elementary School and Cherry Hill High School West to see up close some of the critical needs in our buildings. After the tour, the group sat down with community members, including members of the Fair Funding for Cherry Hill Schools Committee, to talk about steps to secure funding for our chronically underfunded District. A booklet detailing the years of gross underfunding for our district, "Funding for the Future," was distributed to all at the meeting. The booklet also includes our "ask" of our state officials. [You may view the booklet online.](#) Also distributed were

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Education Work Session

May 14 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED

May 27

Memorial Day

Board of Education Action Meeting

May 28 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

June 3 @ 6 pm

Woodcrest Elementary School
Library/Media Center
400 Cranford Dr

photos of additional needs at other buildings around the District.

Dr. Repollet said he was struck by the fact that the students and teachers in the buildings continue to produce amazing work and have a wonderful sense of community, while facing the daily challenges of deferred maintenance. He remarked that while photos tell part of the story of our needs, seeing the buildings in person, feeling the temperatures and smelling the air in some of our spaces most in need, particularly drives home the urgency of receiving the funds to complete renovations.

Ideas for were exchanged for future funding sources, and the Commissioner has committed to coming back for a follow-up visit next year. We look forward to continuing this collaboration and will post updates on the District web site, in this newsletter, and on our social media platforms.

If you don't already, please follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Have a question that would be of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question](#) portal for a publicly posted answer! And our free District app is a great way to customize the information coming into your phone or tablet, according to which schools your children attend or whether you want to keep track of the District as a whole. You may download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

Please be sure to be involved in our schools, and remember that the Fair Funding Committee welcomes new members at its monthly meeting at the Malberg Administration Building on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 pm. The work for Fair Funding is truly work for ALL of the children in our district. As printed on the cover of the "[Funding for the Future](#)" booklet: "**Where**

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

June 3 @ 7 pm
Woodcrest Elementary School
Library/Media Center
400 Cranford Dr

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

June 4 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration
Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

June 4 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

BOE Work Session

June 11 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

we educate our children is as important as **how** we educate them.”

I would like to wish a Happy Mother’s Day to all of the mothers in our District, and to all those who fulfill the role of “mom” to others. Be sure to show your appreciation this weekend to anyone who has had that role in your life – a kind expression of “thanks” is a wonderful gift and a lasting memory!

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"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all. They're underused." – Tommy Lee Jones



Five Cherry Hill Schools Earn 2019 National District of Character Designation

Congratulations to Henry C. Beck Middle School, and J.F. Cooper, James Johnson, Kingston, and Woodcrest Elementary Schools for their achievement as 2019



Registration Open for PSAT/SAT and College Essay Summer Workshops

Registration is now open for the SAT/PSAT 4-Day Workshop and the College Essay 4-Day Workshop, with a choice of two sessions, this summer. [Details and registration form are available online.](#)



Rosa's Student Newspaper Wins American Scholastic Press Award

National Schools of Character!

Criteria for selection are based on [Character.org's 11 Principles of Effective Character Education](#), a framework to assist schools in providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort.

Our five 2019 National Schools of Character will be recognized at the National Character Forum in October in Washington, D.C. Congratulations again to all!

Congratulations to the staff of *Raptor's Roar*, the student newspaper of Rosa International Middle School under the direction of advisers Mrs. Lillian Halden and Mrs. Sue Mark, who recently received a Third Place Award from the American Scholastic Press Association. Rosa was one of only three middle schools to receive an award designation from the association.

This was Rosa's first application to the Press Association to have the *Raptor's Roar* reviewed. Congratulations and continued success to all!