

A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending September 28, 2018

Full Day Kindergarten Update

Many parents have been asking what's happening with our plan for full day kindergarten. It's a go for 2019-2020!

Amazingly, only this week have we completed a full, five-day week of school since opening day on September 5! As I've been out and about, I've seen how well our students have hit their stride in the classroom, on the athletic fields, and in their other extracurricular activities. We've wrapped up our Back to School Nights. Our teachers and administrators have a true feel for the "personalities" of their classes at every grade level. And as always, we continue to look to the future, to ways to continue to grow and improve.

With that same eye on the future, several parents have been in touch with us, whether through our [Quick Question](#) portal or through calls and emails, asking about full day kindergarten. We've posted a "Minute with Dr. Meloche" video – featuring our friends from Sharp Elementary School, pictured above – with a full day kindergarten update today to our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) platforms. I'd like to expand on that information a bit:

- Full day kindergarten will start on the first day of school of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Full day kindergarten will operate in each one of our elementary schools. The full day program will replace the current half day program.
- Full day kindergarten is budgeted in our regular operating budget. It is not dependent on the bond referendum vote on December 11, 2018.
- Our kindergarten curriculum committee is diligently working on the curriculum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

October 1 @ 6 pm
Rosa International Middle School Media Center
485 Browning Lane

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

October 1 @ 7 pm
Rosa International Middle School Media Center
485 Browning Lane

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

October 2 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

BOE Special Action Meeting

October 2 @ 7:45 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace
Please note the 7:45 pm start time. This meeting replaces the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

SCHOOLS CLOSED

October 8
Teacher In-Service Day

- Full day kindergarten will allow for more exploratory time for our kindergartners in music, art, physical education, library and play.
- [School Age Child Care \(SACC\)](#) will be available to all of our kindergarten students.
- Our kindergarten teachers, our principals and our administrators are thrilled with the opportunities the full day program will provide for our children.

If you have questions regarding full day kindergarten, please reach out to your building principal, to us via the Quick Question portal, or to me at jmeloche@chclc.org

Please be sure to keep in touch with what's happening in the District via all of our social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). This week, we had a special "social media celebration" of Character Day 2018 throughout the District. You may find great examples of this by searching #CharacterDay2018 on Twitter or by simply scrolling our Facebook page.

Please check in with the District web site as well, where we've posted our latest [Bond Referendum Presentation](#), presented to the [Board of Education at their Action Meeting on September 25](#). We are excited about all of the improvements slated for our buildings under the bond. The special election bond referendum vote will be December 11, 2018!

Other ways to stay connected? Join your PTA! And come out to our Board of Education Meetings and Board Committee Meetings, listed under "Upcoming Events" at right.

I was thrilled today to feel the slightly chilly fall weather as we head into October! It looks like a beautiful weekend is ahead – I hope you will be able to get out and enjoy it! Be sure to spread kindness as you are out and about. I will be doing the same!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

[Board of Education Candidates' Forum](#)

October 10 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

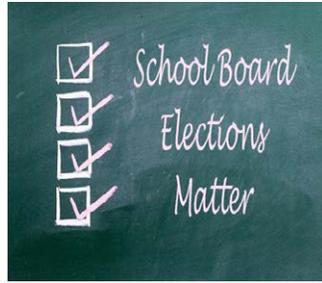
[Volley for Support](#)

October 12 @ 5:30 pm
Cherry Hill High School East
1750 Kresson Road



CHPS Seeks Parents to Join Special Education Parent Advisory Group

The Cherry Hill Public Schools seeks parents to become part of the new Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG), which will provide opportunities for parents and community members to offer input to the District on critical issues relating to students with disabilities. SEPAG will be composed of one parent/guardian from each of the 19 schools in the District, as well as a parent/guardian representing out-of-district students. [A flyer with details about SEPAG](#) is available online. Additionally, [a letter](#) regarding the group formation process as well as the [interest form to be considered for the group](#) are available online. The deadline for submission is October 12, 2018.



Board of Education Candidate Biographies Now Available

Curious about the 11 candidates running for the three open Board of Education seats in this year's November 6 election? [Biographies of the candidates are now available online.](#)

Biographies are published as submitted by the candidates, unedited.

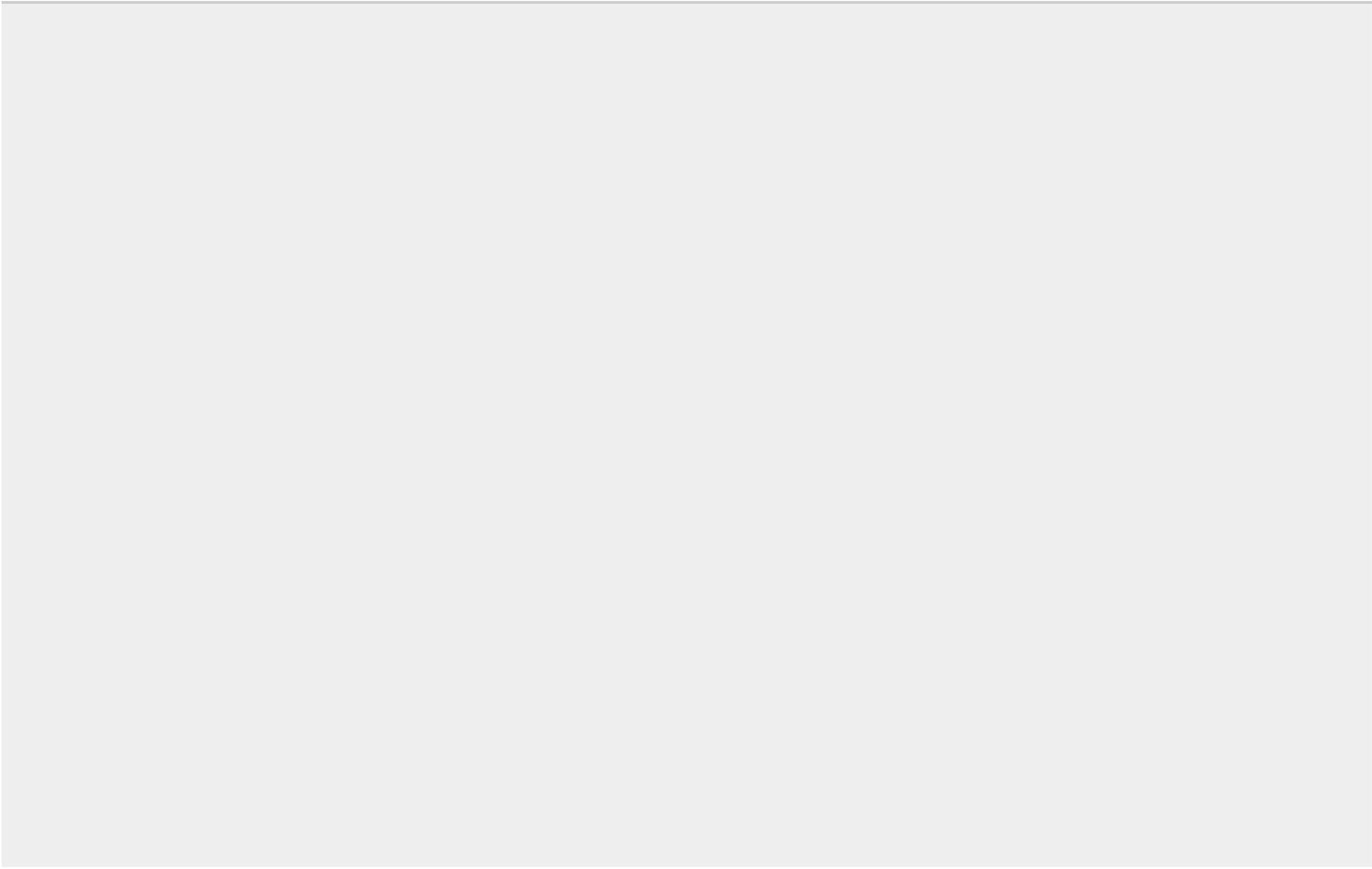
The BOE Candidates Forum, in which all candidates are invited to participate and answer voters' questions, will take place on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 pm in the Malberg Administration Building. Moderated by the League of Women Voters, the forum also will be live streamed.



Community Bulletin Board Offers Scouting, Sports & Events Information

Be sure to click the [Community Bulletin Board link](#) at the bottom of the [District web site](#) home page. You'll find information about after school programs, league sports, seminars, community events and other activities around Cherry Hill.

To post information on the Community Bulletin Board, please email the public information office at publicinfo@chclc.org



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