



NEWSLETTER

Hasbrouck Heights Schools

Heights: Where Tradition and Innovation Take Flight

WORKING TOWARD OUR GOALS

At the beginning of the year, we identified four district goals. District goals are designed to guide the Districts' resources and enhance student learning and parent understanding. The four goals are:

1. Implement the revised district **Strategic Plan** items with a completion date of June 2023. Progress towards these items will be presented monthly to the Board of Education (BOE). Additionally, the Superintendent will present, tri-annually to the community, on the progress in the implementation of the strategic plan.
2. The administrative team will revise our weekly **walk-through** curriculum review google form, and each administrator will complete a walk-through with every staff member under their supervision. The Superintendent will visit every classroom in the district, at least once, to assess curriculum implementation and pacing. The Superintendent will review these walk-throughs with the entire administrative team at the weekly administrative meeting.
3. Implementation of the new Social Studies **program** K-12 and development of common/performance based **assessments**.
4. Expand depth of knowledge of **co-teaching** throughout the district. Have regular and special education teacher teams read *Strategic Co-Teaching in Your School: Using the Co-Design Model*. The Director of Special Services, in collaboration with building principals, will meet monthly with regular and special education teacher teams to implement co-teaching practices.



What's New



1. We have a number of new staff members:
 - Katherine Gasparino - Speech Language Specialist
 - Nicole Meli - Guidance Counselor
 - Michelle Bravo - Nurse
 - Joanne Camporeale - High School Math Teacher
 - Emma Melanie Brooks-Lee - Spanish Teacher
 - Cristen Mizenko - Elementary Teacher
 - Tina Edwards - Basic Skills Teacher
 - Aida Signorile - Title 1 Basic Skills Teacher
 - Jamie Giaquinto - Title 1 Basic Skills Teacher
 - Caroline Salerno - Basic Skills Teacher
 - Keri Kest - ESSER Elementary Teacher
 - Jennie Porfido - Elementary School Teacher
 - Michael Palumbo - High School Social Studies
2. There will be a new drop off site at the Middle School. Students will be dropped off further up Paterson Avenue and enter through the Paterson Avenue door closer to the Boulevard. This has been done to address the safety concerns that surround dropping off students in the same location where trucks unload deliveries.
3. Our Technology Department has been busy. They have:
 - Installed five new Promethean panels in each elementary school.
 - Installed three new Promethean panels in the 400 wing of the high school.
 - Speakers were installed in the High School Media Center.
 - 800 chromebooks were received and set up.
 - Conducted a Genesis rollover and maintenance to the program.
4. We will be moving forward with the Integrated Preschool Program for the 2022-2023 school year. An initial letter to the community was emailed on July 14th. There was a lottery at the July 28th Board of Education Meeting to select eight typically developing students to participate in the program.
5. We welcome our new Director of Special Services, Mrs. Danica Davidman.
6. Mrs. Jacquelyn Mansfield, who has been in the district for 20 years, left this summer to take a position as an Elementary School Principal. We are sorry to see her go and wish her the best. Our new Supervisor of Instruction and Program K-5 is Ms. Rachael Carletto.

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7. The teaching staff, currently engaged in co-teaching, will be Reading *Strategic Co-Teaching in Your School: Using the Co-Design Model*. This will enhance teacher knowledge of co-teaching and assist the district in providing students with a more inclusive education.
8. The administrative team, in an effort to better support curriculum implementation and instruction, has redesigned the informal walk-through form. This will enable the administrative team in providing the instructional staff with more support.
9. In an effort to enhance communication amongst all stakeholders, I will be distributing three newsletters throughout the school year.
10. The new Social Studies K-12 Program will be implemented along with the development of common/performance based assessments.