State of the District

Dr. George J. Rafferty
Superintendent of Schools
April 30, 2019
The Annual State of the District

- The 2018-2019 Annual Report informs the community:
  As required by law, about the school district’s current state, its accomplishments this year as well as challenges, and provides a statement of the fiscal health of the district.
- Report in printed form available this evening.
- Both will be posted online for public review throughout year.
## Mount Laurel’s School District Demographics

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<th>Student Enrollment as of March 31, 2019</th>
<th>Total Number of Teachers In District</th>
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<th>Average years experience in public schools</th>
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### Teachers’ Level of Education

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<td>Master’s Degrees</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s Degrees</td>
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### Administrators’ Level of Education

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<td>73-percent</td>
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### Annual Student Assessment

#### 2017-2018 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Highlights

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<td>61% of our third-graders met or exceeded expectations</td>
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<td>61% of our seventh-graders met or exceeded expectations</td>
<td>46% of our seventh-graders met or exceeded expectations</td>
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<td>65% of our eighth-graders met or exceeded expectations</td>
<td>32% of our eighth-graders met or exceeded expectations</td>
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**NJSLA - Science**

No scores were reported to school districts from the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S) as the 2017-2018 school year was a field test year and items are being evaluated.

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<th>94% of our Algebra I students met or exceeded expectations</th>
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<td>94% of our Geometry students met or exceeded expectations</td>
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District Initiatives

During the 2018-2019 school year, the district continued its Strategic Planning Initiative, **A Path to Success 2030** by circulating a Community Survey in January of 2018, forming Plan Writing Committees in March, and by introducing a new Three-Year Action Plan for the Mount Laurel Schools in January, 2019.

On October 2, 2018, Mount Laurel Voters approved, by a margin of 2,552 to 646, a $35,540,801 Special Election Question to make major improvements to all eight schools and allow for additions and renovations to house Mount Laurel’s first **Full-Day Kindergarten** Program. To date, more than 365 kindergarten students are registered for next year.
Year One of our New Three-Year Plan

- Goal Area 1 - Full-Day Kindergarten
- Goal Area 2 - Communications and Community Engagement
- Goal Area 3 - Facilities
- Goal Area 4 - Curriculum and Instruction
- Goal Area 5 - Students and Students with Special Needs
- Goal Area 6 - Teachers and Staff
Year One of our New Three-Year Plan

Goal Area 1 - Full-Day Kindergarten

Seven new classrooms, alterations underway

Program developed, curriculum writing this summer

All teachers trained in NJDOE’s Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines; NJKEA Teaching Strategies GOLD

District-orientation held; School-wide orientations in May

Central Registration established - 365 students registered for September
Year One of our New Three-Year Plan

Goal Area 2 - Communications and Community Engagement

- Full-Day Kindergarten communication plan ongoing
- Collecting data on usage on various communication vehicles (website, social media, direct)
- District Communication Guide for staff in-process
- Researching multi-platform communications tools for cross school, cross content area use
- Trained key district staff in the use of Global Communication System
Year One of our New Three-Year Plan

● Goal Area 3 - Facilities
  
  Phase I projects bid successfully and underway  
  Technology infrastructure improvements ongoing  
  Computer replacement staff, students ongoing to maintain one-to-one program  
  Security vestibules complete in all schools; new protocols in place  
  Additional cameras in schools and buses, replacing locks, strobe lights and panic buttons  
  Two full-time School Security Officers dedicated to schools (Shared Service With Township)
Year One of our New Three-Year Plan

Goal Area 4 - Curriculum and Instruction

- Administrators, Guidance Counselors and designated teachers training in Responsive Classroom and Developmental Designs
- Restorative Practices implemented at Hartford and Harrington
- Student Assistance Coordinator added at Harrington Middle School
- Administration, supervisors researching integrated content area curriculum
- New state testing nearing completion (NJSLA)
- Reviewed alternative forms of assessing student academic growth
Year One of our New Three-Year Plan

- Goal Area 5 - Students and Students with Special Needs
  - Reviewing class inclusion models
  - Assessing delivery of ESL services
  - I&RS and Response to Intervention processes under review
  - Discipline Code, NJ Positive Behavior Support In Schools (PBSIS)
  - Diversity, Cultural Awareness and Equity training for administrators
  - (Joined NJ Consortia for Excellence Through Equity)
Year One of our New Three-Year Plan

Goal Area 6 - Teachers and Staff

- Communications platform for shared best practices under review
- Reviewed and enhanced the Teacher Mentoring Program in collaboration with MLEA
- Staff recruitment vehicles explored for expansion
- Surveying staff development needs
- Analyzing alternate means of professional development delivery (EdCamps, webinars, digital platforms)
- Exploring Staff Recognition Program for all employees
Mt. Laurel Schools releases annual Back to School report

The report outlines current student enrollment levels, new staffing hires during the summer, recent professional development undertaken by staff and more.

Updated library at Mt. Laurel’s Parkway Elementary School commemorates former librarian

The family of Harriet Stearns, the school’s first librarian, donated $25,000 to improve Parkway’s library.

Voters to decide fate of Mt. Laurel Schools $35.5 million capital improvement referendum Oct. 2

Mt. Laurel Schools looks toward upcoming full-day kindergarten and capital projects for 2019

Mt. Laurel voters approve $35.5 million referendum for Mt. Laurel Schools

The district will fund a full-day kindergarten program and a host of other capital improvements.
Misses in 'Fired Up for Literacy' contest from Mt. Laurel Library and Mt. Laurel Fire Department

As is past years, grand prizewinners receive a ride to school on a fire truck.

Top Teachers
Find out which local educators are making waves throughout South Jersey

By Lauren Kutsch
We wanted to get a glimpse of South Jersey educators who know what it is above and beyond for their students: learning exciting and engaging. So we reached out to the many schools, both public and private, and all nominated teachers they felt not only a high, but encouraged their students.

Carrie Swiec
Fleewood Elementary School
Swiec, a fourth-grade teacher, has year in and year out shown the achievement results at the school. She is able to develop a connect learners and their families to the extent that she attends their activities outside of school hours. Swiec regularly displays a willingness to curriculum or teaching techniques and will gladly lend a hand when Fleewood is in need, be it a student or colleague.

Mt. Laurel Schools BOE approves tentative 2019-2020 budget

The budget includes additional teachers and aides to staff the district’s new half-day kindergarten program, which is set to launch in September.

Registration still open for 2018 Mt. Laurel Public Education Fund Annual Golf Classic

May 30
September 9, 2018

The annual event raises money to support educational programs and activities throughout the district.

Linda Johnson, Parkway Elementary School

Only in third grade, Johnson is already showing signs of high-achieving students. She fully understands the concepts of the material and not just completing the given assignment. She showcases a rare determination that is not only a great asset to the school but a rare asset to any school.

Burlington County Times
Mount Laurel prepares for first full-day kindergarten registration

By Kelly Robey
January 15, 2019

Volunteers can learn about art and then show those lessons with Mt. Laurel elementary school students.

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Navar News

NAWCAD Lakehurst supports student underwater robotics competition

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Mar 13, 2019
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Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

Reena Sethi, Thomas F. Harrington Middle School

Eighth-grader Sethi has achieved As in all subjects since third grade and was a recipient of the Presidential Gold Award for academic success. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and president of Harrington’s chapter, and belongs to school clubs SeaPorch, Leadership Circle and STEM Artist. Both has completed over 100 hours of community service and helps raise money for scholarships for underprivileged students through her role as youth ambassador for Asian Indian Professionals. Outside of school she plays for Cherry Hill Soccer Club and the Moorestown Tennis Club.

Burlington County Times

Mount Laurel board, Education Association settle contract

By Lisa Rynd
Today 8:26 AM

The township Board of Education and the 660-member Mount Laurel Education Association agreed earlier this month on a contract for the 2017-2020 school years.
Community Partnerships
Our PTOs, Mount Laurel Public Ed Fund, Mount Laurel Township and Services, and More

- Mount Laurel Township, Police, Fire and EMS - visits, training, emergency response
- Ongoing daily support for schools and families through the efforts of our seven PTO groups
- Mount Laurel Public Education Fund Contribution of $15,000 towards clubs and extra-curricular activities
- Navair Grant to Harrington Middle School STEM
- Teen Science Grant to Harrington
- Navient Grant to STEM Program
- Lenape Chem Club Visits to Hartford School
- Lenape World Language Club Visits to Elementary Schools
- Lenape “Day of Service” group visits by seniors to all Mount Laurel Schools
- More than 80 clubs were funded by either our PTO groups or Public Ed Fund
## Budget Appropriations

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