



# Superintendent's Report

**January 30, 2024**

January was a busy month here in Closter!

The Professional Development Day held on Monday, January 15, 2024, was a learning day for the adults working in Closter Public Schools. There were many workshops, including *Meeting the Needs of Multilingual Learners*, *SIOP Training*, *Small Group Instruction and Differentiation*, *Creating Curriculum Pacing Guides*, *Culturally Responsive English Language Arts Curriculum*, and *Benchmark Assessments*. There was also time for meetings on school climate, ACCESS training, Linkit Data Analysis, Child Study Team case management, and planning for summer programs. Thank you to the administrators and teachers who planned and led sessions.

We continue to prepare for our school district's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) monitoring. This NJ Department of Education monitoring system will focus on five key components: Instruction & Program, Fiscal, Governance, Operations, and Personnel. The NJDOE will review the fiscal component on February 13, 2024, and the other four components will be reviewed on February 27, 2024. The administrators and teachers have been doing a great job gathering all of the required documents, proving that we comply with all state requirements in the 69 indicators that will be monitored.

Last week, Vince Salvati, our Network Engineer, and I attended the New Jersey Association of School Administrators conference, TECHSPO. The conference provided a great opportunity to learn about educational technology advances. There were many sessions on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it can be responsibly and innovatively implemented in schools. I look forward to discussing what we learned with our administrative team.

We are excited to celebrate the Lunar New Year on Friday, February 9, 2024. This celebration will occur at both schools with an exciting and educational assembly featuring our students. The Hillside assembly will start at 10:00 am. The Tenakill assembly will start at 1:25 pm. The Board trustees are welcome to attend! Thank you to the Lunar New Year Committee, who have worked tirelessly to put this all together, and kudos to our students who will be performing in the assemblies! It is always a great day.

Save the date!! The Closter PTO will host a Gatsby-themed party on Saturday, April 6, 2024. It promises to be a fun evening of elegance and jazz. More information will follow soon. Check out the [Closter PTO webpage](#) for information on this event, the Valentine's Day gift fundraiser, and more.

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