



Superintendent's Report

October 15, 2025

Our students observed the New Jersey *Week of Respect* from October 6 -10, 2025. We marked the week by celebrating school spirit at both schools. At HES, the Week of Respect was aligned with ICARE, with students engaging in short lessons about respect each day. At TMS, the students focused on the theme, *A Place I Want To Be*, as they participated in challenges to cultivate a school culture and climate that would be a place everyone would want to be. Our goal is to teach students to be respectful every week, not just during the *Week of Respect*!

On the afternoon of October 13, 2025, teachers and staff at both Tenakill Middle School and Hillside Elementary School engaged in meaningful professional development focused on data-driven instruction and curriculum enhancement. At Tenakill Middle School, educators participated in NJSLA Adaptive Field Test Training, reviewed student assessment data by department, and collaborated on interdisciplinary lesson planning to strengthen instructional practices. Meanwhile, Hillside Elementary School staff deepened their expertise through LinkIt! and literacy professional learning sessions, with grade-level teams working together to refine their approaches to student learning. The afternoon provided valuable opportunities for teachers to collaborate with colleagues, analyze student performance data, and develop strategies to support continued academic growth across both buildings. Thank you to the Board of Education for allowing us this important time for professional learning.

Tonight, Ms. Cohen will present the New Jersey Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) results from the spring 2025 administration. The DLM measures the academic progress of our students who have significant disabilities. At the October 29, 2025, Board Meeting, I will present the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) results from the spring 2025 administration. The NJSLA measures the academic progress of our students in English language arts and mathematics in grades 3 -8 and in science in grades 5 and 8.

As a reminder, the [Closter PTO website](#) has information on membership registration, their mobile app, and many upcoming events, including the Hillside Scholastic Book Fair, Autumn Family Portrait Sessions, and the Halloween Fair, which will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Tenakill Middle School. Thank you for supporting our wonderful PTO!

Tonight, we are proud to celebrate Kerra Corio, Ellen Monaghan, William Potkulski, Yudelka Sanchez, Adam Sidrow, and Kerry Sidrow as they mark an incredible milestone—20 years of dedicated service to our school district. For two decades, these exceptional educators and staff members have shaped the lives of countless students, contributed to our vibrant school community, and demonstrated unwavering commitment to educational excellence. Their experience, passion, and loyalty have been invaluable to our district's success. Please join us in congratulating them on this remarkable achievement and thanking them for their continued dedication.

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