



Superintendent's Report

October 29, 2025

Last week, four Board trustees, Edmund Cho, Marilyn Estrems, Cathy Lee, and Gregory Shih, along with our Business Administrator, Floro Villanueva, and I attended the New Jersey School Boards Workshop in Atlantic City. We attended lots of interesting sessions, including on Board leadership, budget and finance, policy and legal matters. Some of us also attended the keynote address by Commissioner of Education Kevin Dehmer. We learned a lot and were reassured that Closter Public Schools is a top school district in our state!

October is National Principals Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the incredible leadership of our principals, assistant principals, and special education director who make a lasting difference every day. Their dedication, compassion, and vision ensure that every student is known, supported, and challenged to reach their fullest potential. From creating safe and welcoming school environments to fostering innovation in teaching and learning, Ms. Smith, Ms. Zanin, Ms. Cipollini, Mr. McElroy, and Ms. Cohen model what it means to serve with purpose and heart. I am grateful for their tireless commitment to students, staff, and families—and for the countless ways they guide our schools toward excellence. Please join me in celebrating and thanking our school leaders for their extraordinary efforts this month and throughout the year.

Schools will be closed on Thursday, November 7, and Friday, November 8, 2025, for the New Jersey Education Association conference.

This evening, I will be presenting the 2025 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) results to the Board of Education and the community. This annual presentation provides an important opportunity to review our students' performance in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science, and to reflect on our instructional progress over time. [The presentation](#) is posted on our Closter Public Schools website under the District Assessment Heading on the right side of the home page.

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