



Township of Ocean School District E-Newsletter



"Meeting the needs of all students with a proud tradition of academic excellence."

Superintendent Corner

Last school year, our school district embarked on a journey to create a formal strategic plan. This plan, created by parents, students, and educators from around the district, became the foundation for the direction of the district for the next three to five years. The first year of the plan's implementation has seen a number of outstanding accomplishments and significant progress made. Here are some items from the strategic plan that have either been accomplished in the 2017-18 school year or items for which significant progress has been made:



CTE Grant Year Two Implementation - The development of the Spartan School of Business and Finance has been outstanding. We once again have over 30 students enrolled in that program for next school year. The newly established relationships with the Department of Labor and Georgian Court University makes this a strong program of study. The Spartan School of Technology was developed and will see its first class next school year with over 25 students. A partnership was developed with NJIT for this program. We also continue to make progress on an eventual Spartan School of Visual and Performing Arts for 2019-20.

Wonders Reading Program Implementation - Still going strong. Students are more engaged in the reading and writing process. Teachers are implementing more project-based learning into their classrooms.

Educational Technology Integration - We have all of these Chromebooks but are we using them most effectively in the classroom? This school year we continued to see a transformation of instruction district wide due to the professional development that we have provided along with the addition of key personnel. The addition of the elementary OTHS technology specialists and the increased role of the media specialists is starting to transform instruction. We look forward to an educational technology specialist at TOIS next school year.

School Security - We have tightened up practices in number of areas. Meetings were held at each school to discuss security with parents. We have increased our counseling presence at OTHS with the addition of a full-time Student Assistance Counselor. The Board of Education approved Class III officers for the 2018-19 school year, click [here](#) for more information.

Referendum - Finally completed. The new facilities speak for themselves. Students utilize these facilities every day. The facilities enable us to enhance the educational experience for students.

New Schedule at TOIS - A new block schedule will be implemented at TOIS in 2018-19. This alternating day block will enable teachers and students to more fully engage in project-based learning

and authentic assessment.

State Aid Update

The Township of Ocean School District was officially notified by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) on Friday, July 13, that our state school aid was being reduced by \$607,000. This was a result of the budget agreement between Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Legislature which allowed for a new school funding formula. Incredibly, the Township of Ocean is considered an overfunded district by the State. This \$607,000 of state aid was included in the 2018-2019 district budget that the Board of Education approved and adopted in April. The NJDOE has reported that our reduction was \$142,000. However, that amount only represented the reduction in state aid compared to the 2017-2018 budget year, not the 2018-2019 state aid originally reported to us in March.

The \$607,000 reflects the full reduction from the total amount of state aid for the 2018-2019 school year budget. The Township of Ocean Board of Education approved a revised budget at its July 24th meeting. The new budget included reductions totaling \$607,000. Those reductions included three teaching positions that had not yet been filled and cuts to instructional supplies.

With the new finding formula, the Township of Ocean is slated to see reductions in state aid for the next six years, with a projected \$700,000 loss in 2019-2020 compared to this year. It's amazing to us that we saw a reduction in state aid while other affluent districts in the county saw increases. The Township of Ocean School District receives over \$4 million less in state aid now as we did 10 years ago.

We have been working with our elected officials to address this issue and we encourage the residents of Ocean Township to express their concern to our elected officials.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!



Update on Class III Officers in our schools:

Please click here for information from our Superintendent: [Class III Officers](#)

Around the District News

Ocean Township High School

OTHS Spartan Schools

Township of Ocean Intermediate School

Ocean Township Elementary School

Wanamassa Elementary School

Wayside Elementary School

New **STOP ARM CAMERAS** have been installed on every school bus to ensure the safety of all our students.



Referendum Complete!

Have you seen the updates around the District? The construction is complete and our facilities look amazing!

Ocean Township High School Referendum pictures

Click below for a glimpse into our Spartan Fitness Center.

[Click here for more](#)



Wanamassa Elementary School Referendum Pictures

It's a new era at Wanamassa with the

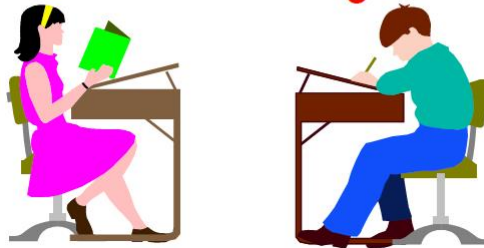
students enjoying lunch in a cafeteria!



Wanamassa students are so excited to be playing in their new gym!

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

2018-2019 School Budget



District Financial Statement

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report - June 30, 2017

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