

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Nutley, New Jersey**

**Superintendent's Report**  
**August 26, 2002**

Letter from the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education pertaining to the 2001/2002 School Year

**Members of the Board of Education:**

The 2001/2002 school year was a wonderful year for our students, staff, and Board of Education.

As in previous years, indications of academic success regarding the TerraNova, Grade 4 ESPA, Grade 8 GEPA and Grade 11 HSPA tests continue to reveal that our students are achieving quite well.

Our students realized an exceptional year in special awards:

- Johns Hopkins University Talent Search
- Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars
- National Merit Commended Students
- National Merit Finalists
- Mathcounts Math Team Awards
- AP Scholar with Honor
- AP Scholars
- Most Philosophical Student in America
- New Jersey Monthly High School Ranking
- Middle States

A special thank you is in order to all of the faculty and students who participated in the above mentioned activities.

Nutley athletes and musicians also continue to distinguish themselves with awards:

**Athletic Awards:**

- NNJIL Sportsmanship Award – Softball Team 2001
- Board #33 Basketball Officials Sportsmanship Award  
Essex County Recipients – Boys/Girls Basketball
- Tennis Coach of the Year – Vincent Turturiello
- 2002 Boys Tennis Championship Team – NNJIL Champions
- 2002 Baseball Championship Team – Greater Newark  
Tournament Champions – NNJIL Champions

**Music Awards:**

**Nutley High School**

Larissa Lovejoy – Third highest score in Soprano Section  
New Jersey All State Chorus

**Music Festival – Aurora, Ohio**

- Concert Choir - First Place
- Choralettes - First Place
- Octets - First Place
- Orchestra - First Place
- Jazz Band - First Place
- Concert Band - Second Place

Holly Gilbert - Outstanding Vocal Soloist Award

Jeff Klatsky - Outstanding Piano Accompanist Award

Justin Hernandez - Outstanding Jazz Soloist Award

**Franklin Middle School**

- Concert Band - First Place Great Adventure Music Festival
- Concert Choir - First Place Great Adventure Music Festival
- Madrigal Singers - First Place Great Adventure Music Festival

**Carnegie Hall** - High School Choralettes and Middle  
School Concert Choir performed at  
Carnegie Hall in November

- High School and Middle School  
Concert Choirs performed again  
in March

Additional positive information pertaining to students proceeding to higher education and the scholarships they received, continues to be revealing and is reflected in the following pages. Please note that 92.5 percent of students will be going on to higher education and that they have been offered a total of \$2,623,808 in scholarship awards. Our graduates continue to attend a diverse array of quality academic institutions throughout the nation.

Curriculum development occurred in the following areas:

- K-6 Gifted and Talented Program Review
- K-8 Guidance Program Review
- 1-8 Compositional Writing – NLAT Review
- 9-12 Advanced Placement Courses Review
- 4-6 Health Education Curriculum Review
- 1-8 Language Arts/Mathematics Basic Skills Curriculum Review
- Grade 7 Mathematics Algebra 1 Exploratory Committee
- 9-12 Mathematics Basic Skills Curriculum Review
- Kindergarten Report Card Review
- Primary Report Card Review

The following initiatives continue to be implemented:

- Montclair State University – The New Jersey Network for Educational Renewal
- Seton Hall – Project Acceleration
- Cisco Networking Academy Program-Levels 1 & 11
- C.A.S.T. - Communications Arts & Science Training-Levels 1, 11 & 111
- World Languages (Elementary Schools/Seventh Grade)
- Character Education
- Music Programs – Madrigals/Jazz Ensemble
- Five Year Facilities Plan/Bond Referendum
- NJ State Mentoring Program
- AP Latin V
- Transition Program/Clara Maass
- Staff Professional Development

As we begin the 2002/2003 academic year, our school community can be certain that our excellent staff will continue its commitment to the development of our students.

Kathleen C. Serafino, Ph.D.

- . Comments pertaining to Summer Programs –  
Dr. Vivinetto
- . Comments pertaining to the annual vandalism report –  
Dr. Vivinetto
- . Comments pertaining to the annual testing report:
  - . TERRANOVA
  - . ESPA
  - . GEPA
  - . HSPA