

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

**Superintendent's Report**  
**August 25, 2003**

Letter from the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education pertaining to the 2002/2003 School Year

**Members of the Board of Education:**

The 2002/2003 school year was a wonderful year for our students, staff, and Board of Education.

Our students realized an exceptional year in special awards:

- NJ Monthly – One of top 75 high schools
- Johns Hopkins University Talent Search
- Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars
- National Merit Commended Students
- National Merit Scholarship Program
- Outstanding participant National Achievement Scholarship Program
- Mathcounts Competition
- NJ Department of Education Dare to Dream Student Leadership Awards
- National Scholastic Press Association Conference Dallas, Texas
- Garden State Scholastic Press Association Student Press Day – Rutgers University
- State Championship –13<sup>th</sup> Annual J.P. Morgan Chase Lincoln Douglas Debate – June 9, 2003

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:**

- 2002 Lacrosse NNJIL Sportsmanship Award
- Nutley High School Cheerleaders – UCC Fall Invitational State Championship – Fairleigh Dickinson University

**Music Awards:**

- 2003 NJ All State Band  
Melissa Coppola – Piano Accompanist
- 2003 NJ All State Wind Ensemble  
Melissa Coppola – Piano Accompanist
- 2002 NJ All State Chorus – Larissa Lovejoy
- 2002 All Eastern Chorus – Larissa Lovejoy (best choral students from 14 states)

**Music Department Groups that performed at Disney World**

NHS Raider Band  
NHS Orchestra  
NHS Octets  
NHS Choralettes  
NHS Concert Choir  
NHS Winter Guard  
NHS Cheerleaders

NHS was the first school to perform at Disney World with seven groups

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 88 percent of students will be going on to higher education and that they have been offered a total of \$2,289,745 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-8 Art Curriculum
- Industrial Arts Curriculum
- K-3 Language Arts Literacy – Reading Coaches
- 3 & 4 Mathematics – Lincoln School teachers
- 9-12 Science Curriculum
- AP Language and Composition Curriculum
- Core Curriculum Content Standards Revisions (Math, LA, Science)
- ESL Curriculum
- 7-12 Language Arts Basic Skills Curriculum
- K-6 Music Curriculum

The following initiatives continue to be implemented:

- No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
- 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 Macro Economics
- Archaeology of Ancient World
- AP Environmental Science
- Transition Program/Clara Maass
- Staff Professional Development
- Emergency Management Plan
- Revised Board Policy Manual
- Summer Enrichment Program

As we begin the 2003/2004 academic year, our school community can be certain that our excellent staff will continue its commitment to the development of our students.

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