

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

**Superintendent's Report**  
**August 30, 2004**

Letter from the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education pertaining to the 2003/2004 School Year

Members of the Board of Education:

The 2003/2004 school year was a wonderful year for our students, staff, and Board of Education.

Our students realized an exceptional year in special awards:

- Johns Hopkins University Talent Search
- Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars
- National Merit Commended Students
- 2004 AP Scholars
- State Award – Invitation to CTY Awards Ceremony
- Mathcounts Competition
- 2004 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship
- Award of Excellence for Exemplary Display of Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual J.P. Morgan Chase Lincoln Douglas Debate

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:**

- 2003-04 Girls Tennis Team – NNJIL Champions
- 2003-04 Girls Bowling Team – NNJIL Champions A Division
- 2003-04 Wrestling Team – NNJIL Champion A Division
- 2004 Baseball Team – Group III Section I Sectional Champions  
GNT Champions  
NNJIL Division A Champions

### **Music Awards**

- 2004 NJ All State Chorus – Diane Aragona  
Daniel Rohe

### **Music Department Group Performances**

- Cavalcade of Bands Championships, Williamsburg VA
  - Orchestra, Jazz Lab Combo and Concert Band received a first place trophy
  - Winter Guard placed third
  - Raider Marching Band placed second
- In June, the Madrigals performed in London England for ten days
- FMS and NHS Concert Choir and NHS Choralettes performed at Carnegie Hall

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 90.8 percent of students will be going on to higher education and that they have been offered a total of \$3,570,689 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-3 Language Arts Literacy – Guided Reading
- 1-6 Alternate Instructional Strategies in Math
- 7-12 Business Education Curriculum
- K-12 Family Life/Chemical Health Curriculum
- Social Studies Curriculum – NJ Studies/World Cultures
- Core Curriculum Content Standards
- Facilities Plan – Franklin Middle School
- District Technology Plan
- New District Handbook, New Policies/Procedures
- K-12 World Language Curriculum
- AP Statistics
- IT Essentials
- Advanced Culinary Arts
- Cast IV Production

The following initiatives continue to be implemented:

- No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
- Gifted and Talented K-3
- 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
- Revised Emergency Management Plan
- Summer Enrichment Program
- Alcohol

As we begin the 2004/2005 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.

## REPORT ON COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

### CLASS OF 2004

ENROLLMENT.....	316
TOTAL APPLICANTS PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION.....	287
% OF CLASS OF 2004 GOING ON TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION....	90.8%
Four-Year College/University.....	214 (67.7%)
Two-Year College.....	48 (15.2%)
Other Post-Secondary School.....	25 ( 7.9%)
Military.....	4 ( 1.3%)
Full-Time Employment.....	17 ( 5.4%)
Undecided.....	8 ( 2.5%)

## REPORT ON SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

### NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

#### CLASS OF 2004

SCHOLARSHIPS	\$3,570,689
GRANTS	24,000
	\$3,594,689
OFFERS ACCEPTED	\$2,047,984
OFFERS DECLINED	1,546,705
	\$3,594,689

NUTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To: Members of the Nutley  
School community

Date: JUNE 28, 2004

From: The Nutley Board Of Education

Subject: 2003/2004 Student  
Achievement Test  
Scores

NATIONAL

TERRANOVA TEST  
2004

National Percentile of Mean NCE

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Reading	89	84	82	73	78	77	79	75	80
Language Arts	92	86	84	78	79	84	79	79	83
Mathematics	90	86	83	81	79	83	80	80	85
Total	93	88	86	80	81	84	82	81	85
Science	83	77	77	74	75	72	67	75	71
Social Studies	85	84	71	69	71	74	70	72	76

Grade 4 NJ ASK Results 2003/2004

	% Part. Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Adv. Proficient General Ed	ALL	Total % Prof. General Ed	ALL
Language Arts	2.5	9.5	95.8	90.5	1.7	2.0	97.5	92.5
Mathematics	17.2	22.6	54.6	52.4	28.2	25.0	82.8	77.4

Grade 8 GEPA Summary Results 2003/2004

	% Part. Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Adv. Proficient General Ed	ALL	Total % Prof. General Ed	ALL
Language Arts	8.3	14.0	86.9	81.7	4.8	4.3	91.7	86.0
Mathematics	17.6	23.6	57.8	54.1	24.6	22.2	82.4	76.3
Science	8.6	12.3	59.4	59.0	31.9	28.8	91.3	87.8

Grade 11 HSPA Summary Results 2003/2004

	% Part. Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Adv. Proficient General Ed	ALL	Total % Prof. General Ed	ALL
Language Arts	1.8	12.2	79.4	71.5	18.8	16.3	98.2	87.8
Mathematics	8.5	17.7	62.1	56.3	29.4	26.0	91.5	82.3

Results such as these are due to a great total effort and we wish to thank everyone.

**NUTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Nutley, New Jersey 07110**

**2004/2005 PRIORITIES**

**CONTINUING PRIORITIES**

- . Implementation of district five year facilities plan
- . Implementation of revised Board of Education policy manual
- . Implementation of revised District Hand Book with new Policies/Procedures
- . Implementation of state-mandated school objectives(2) for each school
- . Implementation of School District Web-Site Program
- . Implementation of 7-12 Music Curriculum, Instrumental/Choral
- . Implementation of District Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Program
- . Implementation of District Revised Emergency Management Plan
- . Implementation of Social Studies Curriculum, World Cultures & World History
- . Implementation of Family Life Curriculum - Grades K-12
- . Implementation of Alternate Instructional Strategies in Math Program Gr. 1-6
- . Implementation of Language Arts Literacy and Guided Reading Program, Grades K-3
- . Implementation of Transition Program/Clara Maass
- . Implementation of World Language Curriculum Grades K-12
- . Implementation of Business Education Curriculum, Grades 7-12
- . Implementation of High School AP Statistics Course
- . Implementation of High School Information Technology Essentials Course
- . Implementation of Electronics Publication Course

- . Implementation of Personal Finance Course
- . Implementation of Franklin Middle School Life Center Career Educational Course, Grade 8
- . Implementation of Core Curriculum Content Standards, K-12

### **NEW PRIORITIES**

- . Review of Facilities Plan - Franklin Middle School
- . Review of District Technology Program - Distance Learning, K-12
- . Review of Science Curriculum - Grades K-6
- . Review of Mathematics Curriculum - Grades K-6
- . Review of Library Media Skills Program - Grades K-12
- . Review of Language Arts Literacy - Grades K-3
- . Review of Gifted and Talented, Grades K-3
- . Review of High School Culinary Arts Program, Grades 9-12
- . Review of Additional Alternate Instructional Strategies in Math, Calendar Math - Grades K - 3
- . Review of Differentiated Instruction./Inclusion Instructional Strategies - Grades K-6
- . Review of World Language Spanish for Spanish Speakers I&2 Program - Grades 9-12 and AP Italian

### **OTHER IMPORTANT CURRICULUM RELATED ITEMS**

- . In-service training for K-12 faculty in language arts literacy, mathematics, science, social studies
- . In-service training for K-12 faculty in Instructional Theory into Practice(ITIP)
- . In-service review of Adaptive Physical Education - Grades K-12
- . In-service training for K-12 staff in technology integration and web-site development
- . In-service training in Differentiated Instruction/Inclusion Instructional Strategies - Grades K-6

- . In-service training for K-12 staff for I & RS(Intervention and Referral Services) and 504's
- . In-service training in Affirmative Action Policies
- . In-service training in Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- . In-service training in Character Education Program
- . In-service in Mentoring Program
- . In-service training for State assessments (NJASK 3/4), GEPA, HSPA and District Terra Nova Tests