

NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Nutley, New Jersey

Superintendent's Report
August 28, 2006

Letter from the Superintendent of Schools to the Board of Education pertaining to the 2005/2006 School Year

Members of the Board of Education:

The 2005/2006 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
- National Merit Semifinalists
- National Achievement Scholarship Program Outstanding Participant
- 2006 AP Scholars
- State Award – Invitation to CTY Awards Ceremony
- Mathcounts Competition
- 2005 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship
- National Hispanic Recognition
- National Council of Teachers of English
- World Languages Academic Awards for Latin & Italian

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:

- 2005-06 Girls Bowling Team – NNJIL Champions
- 2005-06 Bowling Team – Essex County Champions
- 2005-06 Wrestling Team – NNJIL Champions
- 2005-06 Softball Team – NJSIAA State Sectional Champions

Music Awards

- 2005 NJ All State Chorus – Diane Aragona
Christopher Georgetti

Music Department Group Performances

- The Marching Band, Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Jazz Lab Combo performed at the California Competition and received excellent ratings
- The Raider Marching Band marched in the Main Street USA Parade at Disneyland
- The Octets and Choralettes gave an outstanding performance while touring Washington, D.C. Choralettes received a superior rating trophy and the Octets received an excellent
- NHS Chamber Music Singers performed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington
- The Raider Band performed for the Martha Stewart Show in NYC
- The Concert Choir performed at Carnegie Hall
- NHS Concert Choir performed Handel's Messiah at St. Thomas Church

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 88.2 percent of students will be going on to higher education and that they have been offered a total of \$2,860,599 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:

- Grades 1&2 Literacy Curriculum Review
- Grade 8 Social Studies Curriculum Review
- Forensic Science Curriculum
- G.A.T.E. Committee
- Mathematics Curriculum Review
- Technology Curriculum Review

In-services Occurred in the Following Areas:

- Introduction to Differentiated Instruction
- Wilson Reading in-service


Workshops Occurred in the Following Areas:

- Computer Email and Network Basics on PC's
- Email Workshop
- EZ Grade Pro Workshop
- Kidspiration
- Professional Development/Mentoring for New Teachers
- Putting it All Together with Technology
- Technology Tidbits
- Technology/Special Services Workshop for New Teachers

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 I & II
- C.A.S.T. - Communications Arts & Science Training-Levels I, II & III
- World Languages (Elementary Schools/Seventh Grade)
- Character Education
- Music Programs – Madrigals/Jazz Ensemble
- Five Year Facilities Plan
- NJ State Mentoring Program
- Transition Program/Clara Maass
- Staff Professional Development
- Revised Emergency Management Plan
- Summer Enrichment Program
- Alcohol/Tobacco/Drugs

As we begin the 2006/2007 academic year, our school community can be certain that our excellent staff will continue its commitment to the development of our students.



Joseph Zarra
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT ON COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

CLASS OF 2006

ENROLLMENT.....	332	
TOTAL APPLICANTS PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION.....	293	
% OF CLASS OF 2006 GOING ON TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.....	88.2%	
Four-Year College/University.....	229	(70%)
Two-Year College.....	55	(17%)
Other Post-Secondary School.....	9	(2%)
Military.....	2	(1%)
Full-Time Employment.....	29	(8%)
Undecided.....	8	(2%)

REPORT ON SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

CLASS OF 2006

SCHOLARSHIPS	\$2,860,599	
		\$2,860,599
OFFERS ACCEPTED	\$2,072,199	
OFFERS DECLINED	788,400	
		\$2,860,599

**NUTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

To: Members of the Nutley School community

Date: June 2006

From: The Nutley Board Of Education

Subject: 2005/2006 Student Achievement Test Scores

NATIONAL

**TERRANOVA TEST
2006
National Percentile of Mean NCE**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Reading	89	84	78	81
Language Arts	92	90	80	83
Mathematics	89	89	79	85
Total	93	91	82	86
Science	80	80	73	72
Social Studies	79	86	68	76

Grade 3 NJ ASK Results 2005/2006

	% Part. Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Adv. Proficient General Ed	ALL	Total % Prof. General Ed	ALL
Language Arts	2.9	7.6	95.1	90.7	2.0	1.7	97.1	92.4
Mathematics	1.2	2.7	56.9	56.5	41.9	40.8	98.8	87.8

Grade 4 NJ ASK Results 2005/2006

	% Part. Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Adv. Proficient General Ed	ALL	Total % Prof. General Ed	ALL
Language Arts	9.6	14.6	88.1	83.5	2.2	1.8	90.3	85.3
Mathematics	6.7	8.8	48.1	48.5	45.2	42.7	93.3	92.1
Science	6.7	8.2	58.9	59.1	34.4	32.7	93.3	81.8

Grade 5 NJ ASK Results 2005/2006

	% Part. Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Adv. Proficient General Ed	ALL	Total % Prof. General Ed	ALL
Language Arts	4.1	7.6	84.7	82.7	11.2	9.7	95.9	92.4
Mathematics	3.4	6.7	60.9	60.9	35.7	32.4	96.6	93.3

Grade 6 NJ ASK Results 2005/2006

	% Part. Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Adv. Proficient General Ed	ALL	Total % Prof. General Ed	ALL
Language Arts	3.7	9.2	86.7	82.7	9.5	8.1	96.2	90.8
Mathematics	10.0	13.4	56.0	57.0	34.0	29.6	90.0	86.6

Grade 7 NJ ASK Results 2005/2006

	% Part. Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Prof. General Ed	ALL	% Adv. Proficient General Ed	ALL	Total % Prof. General Ed	ALL
Language Arts	3.0	6.3	78.6	78.1	18.4	15.6	97.0	93.7
Mathematics	22.9	29.8	62.0	57.5	15.0	12.7	77.0	70.2

NUTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Nutley, NJ 07110

2006/2007 PRIORITIES

CONTINUING PRIORITIES

- Implementation of district five year facilities plan
- Implementation of state-mandated school-level objectives for each school
- Implementation of District Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Program
- Implementation of District Revised Emergency Management Plan
- Implementation of Stage 1 - Science Calendar Curriculum Mapping - Grades K-6
- Implementation of Differentiated Instruction/Inclusion Instructional Strategies - Grades K-4
- Implementation of Mathematics Curriculum - Grades 5 & 6
- Implementation of the One Step Web Page - Grades 5-6
- Implementation of Language Arts New Strategies (Wilson Reading, Four Square Writing) in Elementary Grades
- Implementation of Core Curriculum Content Standards - Grades K-12
- Implementation of Computer Courses Grades 7-9
- Implementation of Language Arts Literacy Grades 1 -2

NEW PRIORTIES

ACADEMIC/CURRICULUM

- Review of Facilities Plan - Elementary, Franklin Middle School and Nutley High School
- Development of Curriculum Mapping and Testing in Mathematics - Grades 7-8
- Review of Practical (Life Skills) and Performing Arts Curriculum Program - Grades 9-12
- Review of Pre-School Special Education Program

- Review Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics Special Education Programs - Grades 7 & 8
- Review of Language Arts Writing Programs - Grades 3-8
- Review of disaster, readiness plan including contingency plan
- Academic Committee to verify that all district-wide approved curriculum is implemented with indicator established for student progress.
- Develop and implement a Gifted and Talented Program
- Implement Foreign Language Program at K-6 level
- Incorporate the Dare Program into our Health Curriculum

ATHLETIC

- Ensure that all student athletes have the opportunity to participate in an educationally sound, interscholastic athletic program
- Implement coaches and parent handbook

FINANCIAL

- Ensure that a financial plan is developed in order to meet district priorities
- Continue finding capital improvement funding

FACILITY

- Develop a scope of work and a reference plan to secure funding to implement an elementary improvement plan
- Review and revamp our facility maintenance plan district-wide

PERSONNEL

- Review and revise district-wide job descriptions, create job descriptions where needed
- Review all non-instructional position for efficiency

SAFETY

- Provide educationally sound programs to ensure adequate safety measures are in place and all safety related curriculum is taught by certified instructors in their specialty field

- Implement Random Drug Testing Program

TECHNOLOGY

- Implementation of District Technology Plan
- Implementation of Technology Education Curriculum K-8

OTHER IMPORTANT CURRICULUM RELATED ITEMS

- In-service training for K-12 faculty in Language Arts Literacy, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies
- In-service training for K-12 faculty in Instructional Theory into Practice(ITIP)
- In-service training for K-12 staff in technology integrations and web-site development
- In-service training of K-12 staff in I & RS (Intervention and Referral Services) and 504's
- In-service training for 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 3/4,5,6,7)GEPA, HSPA, and District Terra Nova Tests.
- In-service training in Suicide Prevention - Grades 1-12
- In-service training in Special Education related processes (e.g. - Inclusion, Differentiated Instruction, etc.)