

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
JULY 23, 2007

1. All graduation and promotion exercises were wonderful and showcased student achievement and reflected very positively on our students and the school district.
2. Since our last meeting of June 25, the Facilities, Policy, Academic, and Personnel committees have met.
3. I would like to express my gratitude to our teachers, support staff, administrators, principals and the board of education for their hard work and commitment to our students. It was a school year filled with growth, accomplishment, achievement, and success.
4. I've checked the records going back ten years and I'm very pleased to report that the class of 2007 has the highest percentage of graduates attending a four year college in this ten year span. Additionally, this year's graduates have been accepted and will attend some of the finest colleges and universities in the nation.
5. Special acknowledgement and congratulations to Mr. Calicchio and the faculty of the middle school. The school is no longer a "school in need". It is now in "safe harbor". Of the 41 indicators under No Child Left Behind, the school fell short in the indicator regarding special education test scores. Through a concentrated and well-coordinated effort a passing score was achieved in this category.
6. Special thanks goes out to Mrs. Francioso. She has been filling the role of Director of Special Services while we interviewed for a replacement. Mrs. Francioso has closed out the school year, interviewed and staffed the Autistic Program, ordered supplies, and has asked to continue to oversee the program.
7. Three people deserve special recognition. Mrs. Francioso, Mr. Viemeister and Mr. Nicolette. Mrs. Francioso, for all that she has done with Special services and our Autistic Program. Ian Viemeister and Phil Nicolette for their work with the relocation of the board of education offices, the completion of the middle school project, the demolition of the board offices at Radcliffe School, and the beginning of renovations at the elementary school as well as all of the tasks that have to be completed to make our schools ready for September. They go well beyond the job description, and their service is invaluable to this district.

8. Congressman Pascara has informed me that our school district will receive a grant of 500,000.00 for the new mechanical systems that we are installing in our schools, which are efficient and environmentally friendly. I will keep everyone informed when I receive more details.
9. Our summer programs are underway and reports are very positive.
10. Tomorrow, July 24, there will be a meeting with parents regarding the Autistic Program. It is set for 6:30 at Nutley High School.
11. The police department has used the high school as a training site to increase their readiness with any school related emergency. They will have another week of training beginning August 19. All members of the board are invited.
12. There are forty-three days remaining until school re-opens. Improvements in the facilities continue: We are finishing the middle school project, the high school roof is being replaced, demolition of the rest rooms in our elementary schools is underway, and the demolition of the board offices at Radcliffe School has begun.

The board offices have been moved to the middle school and they are up and running. This move was very involved. I want to thank the staff, custodians and buildings and grounds personnel for their hard work and patience.

13. Finally, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs. Alamo has been elected as the vice-president of the Essex County School Boards Association.