



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

"A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE"

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SUPERINTENDENT PROVIDES PROGRESS REPORT ON DISTRICT GOALS

At its most recent meeting, Superintendent Robert McGarry updated the Board of Education and the public on the district's progress towards meeting its 2016-2017 goals. This year's goals, established by the board through a rigorous process of analyzing data, the results of various staff and parent surveys from the prior school year and the recommendations of the administration, relate to three significant areas of focus: learning, infrastructure, and communications. The district is working to:

- Increase student engagement, challenge and excitement in the learning process and maximize the potential of every student.
- Assess and develop a plan to upgrade the district's infrastructure to continue to provide all students with superior programs in academics, athletics and the arts.
- Implement effective communications channels to build awareness of district achievements and provide timely information about district activities.

Dr. McGarry shared highlights of an extensive 15-page report of district-wide efforts and current data related to key metrics that the district plans to use to measure the effectiveness of its work. These include such outcomes as student attendance and overall ratings of certain components of the district's teacher evaluation tool, as well as the development of a plan to enhance the district's infrastructure. The full report can be found on the district's website by clicking on the "[Board of Ed](#)" page.

The district's efforts towards its infrastructure goal has yielded a plan known as the "Holmdel 2020 Initiative," which the board plans to unveil in greater detail at the board's special meeting on March 15th. The plan focuses on proposed enhancements to the district's academic, athletic and arts facilities with the centerpiece being the district's 7th – 12th grade complex. In his presentation, Dr. McGarry enthusiastically described the vision of creating a "more flexible, student-centered, technology rich complex that will inspire and promote innovation at every turn and allow our district to optimize the pace and focus of learning for all students."

The Holmdel Board of Education will review the latest Holmdel 2020 Initiative plan during the public session scheduled for March 15th at 8:00 p.m. in the William R. Satz School.

