

# HAZLET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## Office of the Superintendent of Schools

**Scott Ridley, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools  
sridley@hazlet.org

**421 Middle Road · Hazlet, NJ 07730**  
[www.hazlet.org](http://www.hazlet.org)

**Phone: (732) 264-8401 ext. 1101**  
**Fax: (732) 264-1599**

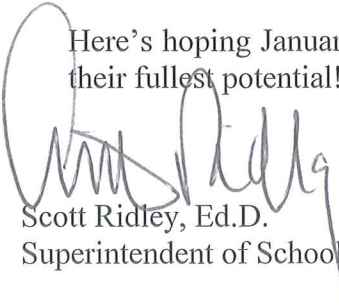
January, 2019

To the Hazlet Community:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and some quality family time. As 2019 begins, our District has a number of meaningful initiatives taking place that I would like to share with all of you:

- The Future Ready Silver Certification Process begins in earnest this month as Hazlet continues its prioritization of technological and academic excellence at each school. This year's Certification will center on Community Leadership and Service and our school teams will pursue this distinction with vigor.
- In March, a nationally-recognized Personalized Learning conference will be held in Atlantic City and Hazlet will have no less than FIVE presenters over this three day professional development event.
- The County Superintendent and his team will be visiting our District to conduct his QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum) appraisal during the week of January 7. This a mandatory three-year review that assess the curriculum, fiscal management, governance, operations and personnel of the District. Results will be shared in February.
- Hazlet has been awarded a five thousand dollar grant by the Dreams R Us Foundation for the purchase of Ozobots, small machines that interact successfully with special needs children as they navigate their educational journey.
- Our winter athletic teams are in full swing with the newly-created girls' wrestling team already enjoying some early success!
- Beers Street and Lillian Drive Schools continue their upgrades and remodeling as per the Referendum. These will be the final two schools to enjoy a new 21<sup>st</sup> century "facelift."
- All eight schools now have double-entry vestibules in full operation as our prioritization of student and staff security continues.
- We welcome new/returning Board of Education member Will Kolibas along with re-elected members Steve Grossman, David Asfour and Katie Bolen.
- This month saw the first Superintendent Teaching Circle (STC) for which a teacher (appointed by the building principal) from each school joined the superintendent for a conversation regarding communication, consistency, curriculum and Vision for the Hazlet District. The STC will meet monthly to continue its commitment to making Hazlet the best District in New Jersey.

Here's hoping January is kind to us weather-wise and that our 2,900+ students continue to maximize their fullest potential!

  
Scott Ridley, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

*"Educating our students...to achieve their maximum potential."*