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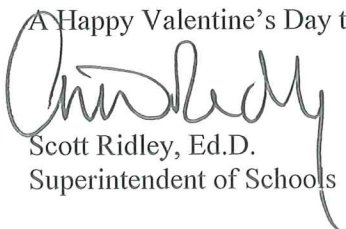
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February 2019

To the Hazlet Community:

- Hazlet will have three presenters in Atlantic City at TECHSPO '19 – a premier, two-day (Jan 31 - Feb 1) technology training and exhibition conference for school leaders.
- The Superintendent's Teaching Circle (STC) will meet in the second week of February to provide a forum for our most valuable resource—our instructors!
- The quest for *Future Ready Silver Certification* begins in earnest this month. At the end of January, Heather Schwarz (Director of Curriculum) and I gave the Keynote address at NJ School Boards to various districts statewide beginning their quest of Bronze Certification. We were so well-received that the leadership team invited us back to present again this month.
- The curriculum office is diligently preparing for a full day of professional development on February 18th which will feature both external expert vendors and our own incredibly talented professional staff.
- The Central Office Administration and Finance Committee of the Board of Education are in the process of building-out the budget. Funding from the State of NJ will not be released until early March and the budget will be reviewed by the full Board of Education later that month. The goal of the 2019-2020 budget is to continue to meet the mission of the District, *Educating our students...to achieve their maximum potential* while remaining fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Hazlet.
- Facility improvements continue as we are completing projects of HVAC, roofing, windows and doors throughout the District along with upgrades at Beers Street and Lillian Drive. Planning for the summer of 2019 is well underway including the creation of a new STEAM space at Beers Street School along with numerous outside upgrades such as parking improvements at both Hazlet Middle School and Middle Road School.
- The Special Services Department, in conjunction with our Life Skills students, will be hosting the Monmouth County Directors of Special Services at Hazlet Middle School in February for their monthly meeting. Students will be given the opportunity to interact with adults in a professional environment and put their career readiness skills on display.
- The District has excelled athletically as well. Girls wrestling made a successful debut; Girls Basketball is on track to qualify for Shore Conference Tournament as well as NJSIAA Basketball Tournament. Boys Wrestling captured the "A" Central Division Championship and qualified for the Central Jersey Sectional Championship and Ice Hockey (a co-op team) qualified for the NJSIAA Tournament for the first time in 8 years.
- Raritan High School Senior Gabrielle Zweidinger (Volleyball & Softball) was honored at Monmouth University Women's Leadership Conference.
- Spring Athletic Registration is now open for both the middle and high school.

A Happy Valentine's Day to all and please remember to *keep Hazlet in the conversation!*


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