



# Flemington-Raritan School District Staff and Faculty Newsletter

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## YOU MADE IT!

The final days of June have arrived! There have been a lot of accomplishments this school year which requires great celebration. I hope you all have a wonderful summer with time to relax with friends and family. Thank you for all that you did this school year to make it a successful school year for our students.



## SAFETY AND SECURITY IN OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

This month I advocated for security in an Executive Session at Raritan Township in a committee meeting. My purpose was to advocate for extending the partnership between Raritan Township and Flemingington Raritan Schools for the security of Class III Officers in all our schools.

I am grateful to Raritan Township for their agreement to fully fund two additional Class III Officers beginning in September. As our partnership continues, I commend and applaud Raritan Township for continuing to collaborate with the Flemingington-Raritan Schools to uphold school security as a community priority. Using Raritan Township's budget to fund the two additional officers allows the District to appropriate funds to other areas that are in critical need in the district, such as supporting the positive mental health of students, faculty, and staff. Next week I will join members of Raritan Township Police Department to interview candidates to fill the two additional positions.

I am grateful for Raritan Township's support in assigning two additional Class III Officers to our district which will provide all six of our district schools with equal protection and resources. This is a critical step toward preventing or thwarting potential threats to our schools; offering an immediate response to crises and emergencies; monitoring and assessing on-site situations in real-time; enabling schools to isolate and de-escalate issues as they unfold; fostering a sense of comfort and reassurance in children, parents and

employees; and allowing teachers to focus on students' academic, social and emotional growth in a safe and secure learning environment.

I greatly appreciate the Raritan Township committee's time, dedication, and effort in maintaining the importance of school security and their ongoing pledge to remain vigilant in keeping our children and community safe.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

The number of ESL students has steadily risen over the course of my service as Superintendent. Over the past four years our ESL population has grown from 143 students in May of 2019 to 242 students in June of 2022; a 69% increase. In June of 2022 the District count of ESL students is below.

BS Count	6
CH Count	28
FD Count	116
JPC Count	23
RFIS Count	33
RH Count	36
Grand Count	242

## STRATEGIC PLANNING



The District has rescheduled strategic planning which was postponed last winter due to COVID-19. Coming up in the fall on November 4, 2022 from 6 to 8 PM and Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3 PM, the District will engage in Strategic Planning to identify strengths and challenges, define a new five-year vision, set objectives and goals, and establish action steps. The board of Education is using the New Jersey School Boards Association to lead the work. If you are interested in participating in this process to volunteer as a representative from our academic community by serving on the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, please email Mrs. Laura Bruhn with your interest. If you are interested, please mark your calendars.