

Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

<u>Highlights</u>: Milk Safety; NJ Senate Committee Testimony; 8th Grade Graduation Friday, June 24 at the Cherokee football field; Events Right Around the Corner...; Friendly reminders from prior Updates

Our All In Disability Awareness Event this evening has been postponed due to weather and is being rescheduled for a later date at an indoor location. More info will be shared when available.

Milk Safety

Our district has removed all milk of any date, type, brand, and manufacturer connected with the recent incident in a local school district in which sanitizer was discovered in their milk cartons. It was determined in that incident that the sanitizer found in those cartons was from the vendor's production machines. As always, the health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority.

NJ Senate Committee Testimony

Board President Lea Ryan, Board Vice President Aneesh Kanthan, and I testified at the NJ Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 29. Our testimonies are linked below. Our messages: to increase funding to the 182 school districts like ours that are losing it, and to provide funding in all districts to support full day kindergarten. We received positive responses from committee members and were the only district to speak at that time. Since 2018-19, our district's state funding has decreased 46%, with more cuts coming, totaling nearly \$8 million. This drop is negatively disproportionate to the change in our student population, which has dropped 19% from its peak. Many thanks as well to district parent Kelly Wilk who is scheduled to testify on April 21.

ETSD Board President & Vice President Testimony at NJ Budget Hearing 3.29.22 ETSD Superintendent Testimony at NJ Budget Hearing 3.29.22

8th Grade Graduation Friday, June 24 at the Cherokee football field

DeMasi Middle School at 5:30 pm, Marlton Middle School at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, no tickets needed. **NEW:** In the event of inclement weather, the graduation ceremony will take place, same date, same times, in the Cherokee Performing Arts Center (PAC), with three tickets per student for PAC seating, and with a non-ticketed overflow area to allow viewing the ceremony on a big screen. More information will be shared via our middle schools over the weeks ahead.



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Events Right Around the Corner...

- Saturday, April 2, 8 am start, <u>1st Annual Poker Run</u> by Friends of the Black Run Preserve at Rice ES. Have fun, enjoy nature, win prizes. Visit <u>Events – Black Run Preserve – Evesham</u> <u>Township, New Jersey</u> for more details.
- Monday, April 3, 12 pm 4 pm, <u>Evesham Township Job Fair and Career Expo 4.3.22</u> at the Blue Barn, open to all adults & students (HS & College). Great opportunity.

Friendly reminders from prior Updates

- Community Activities Evesham Township School District
- April 11 May 30-<u>ETPD Citizens' Police Academy</u>
- June 5, EEF Golf Classic Fundraiser June 6, 2022 at Little Mill Country Club

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools