

Evesham Township School District

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August 18, 2023

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

<u>Highlights</u>: Superintendent Comments from August 18 BOE meeting; ETSD Hiring for Many Positions!; Community Activities.

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– suggestions for new quote welcome

ECC Registration (deadline Aug 20)

Superintendent Comments from August 18 BOE meeting

Thank you Mr. Kanthan, and congratulations on your selection as our new Board President. Roughly 3 weeks from today is the First Day of School for the 2023-24 school year! We are so excited for that first day, which is like our true New Year's Day, and having all our students back.

A few highlights from summer: About 800 students participated in our summer programs, nearly an all-time high. I'd like to thank each and every staff member who contributed to making these summer educational supports possible, in particular our administrators who supervise and set up the programs, from our Curriculum department, through our Special Services department with Extended School Year, to our principals as the programs are spread throughout our buildings.

A further summer highlight is the work of our Personnel department and other staff in what has amounted to a very busy summer of personnel changes, in keeping with national trends. And that work continues daily.

Our Parent Portal opened yesterday. There are slightly fewer bus stops overall for the coming year. All walks to bus stops are less than a quarter mile (except MS students on Lakeside Dr. in Barton Run will be walking 0.33 miles). Reasons for bus stop efficiencies include: avoiding narrow lanes, lanes with dense parking, difficult corners, and other hazards; shortening route times to maximize efficiency during driver shortage; and enabling options (temporary mini-tiers) when drivers are out to continue to provide the busing that we've committed to.



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Also, Evesham Township's 3rd Annual Backpack & School Supply Drive is going on now to support our students with supplies for the upcoming year and it ends this Sunday. Donations can be dropped off at the Municipal Building. Many thanks to everyone who is donating and to the Township of Evesham and Hands Uniting Generations (HUGS), including Police Chief Walt Miller, for organizing this effort and support.

I'd also like to thank our outgoing Board President Lea Ryan, who resigned today from our Board due to moving out of town. We will have the opportunity to recognize her officially for her service at a Board meeting later this fall. For now, I'd just like to say a deepest and heartfelt thank you to her for her steadfast leadership, her intelligence and care, and her invaluable service to our district, students, and staff, which will be missed. Anyone interested in being interviewed for our now open 9th Board position should email their resume to our Board secretary John Recchinti by Friday, Sept. 8. I should emphasize, this is a short-term need, as this position will only be filled until December. This information will also be shared in local newspapers.

ETSD Hiring for Many Positions!

For more info about classroom aide, bus driver, bus aide, lunch aide, other positions, please see ETSD Staff Positions Info 2023-24. Our district provides all bus driver training and license fees. To apply: https://www.applitrack.com/evesham/onlineapp/default.aspx?all=1

Community Activities: New this week: MRC Sports Unity Program

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools