



Superintendent's Report April 7, 2022

Our Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. All information is on our district website, www.ClosterSchools.org. The link is on the main page – it is the first banner on the right hand side, entitled, Kindergarten Registration 2022-2023. If you have questions about Kindergarten registration, please call Ms. Cheryl Boehm at Hillside School.

Congratulations to the PTO on their successful dinner dance held last Friday, April 1, 2022, at The Rockleigh. It was a fun evening for all who attended. Thank you to Libby Choron and Jill Herling, who chaired the event, and all the PTO parents who helped in planning, putting together raffle baskets, and setting up at The Rockleigh! A special thanks also to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and the silent auction – your generosity is appreciated!

I am happy to report progress on two items on our District Diversity Council Action Plan for this year:

- *Attendance by a district team member at one diversity education job fair by May 2022:* Our district participated in the *Diversity in Education Recruitment Job Fair* yesterday, April 6, 2022. We had about 30 people who visited with us during the virtual job fair and we look forward to reviewing their applications for consideration in hiring for the 2022-2023 school year.
- *Create and implement an employee and community referral program aimed at attracting racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse teachers to Closter Public Schools:* I am announcing today the *Refer a Candidate for Employment* initiative. Information about the referral program can be found on the [Human Resources page](#) of the district website. If you know of anyone who holds New Jersey Department of Education Certification and is interested in employment in Closter Public Schools, please complete a referral form at <https://tinyurl.com/ReferralCBOE>. For the 2022-2023 school year we have some openings based on retirements: general education and special education teachers, school psychologist, and we are also seeking paraprofessionals and substitutes.

Ramadan Mubarak to all of families observing Ramadan this month. Chag Pesach Sameach to families observing Passover, beginning on April 15, 2022. Happy Easter to families celebrating on April 17, 2022. Wishing everyone all the best during this holy season for so many!

Schools will be closed for spring recess from Friday, April 15, 2022 through Sunday, April 24, 2022. Have a restful, safe vacation! Schools will reopen on Monday, April 25, 2022.

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Pandemic Update

Since Friday, March 25, 2022 (the day after my last report):

School	Hillside Elementary School	Tenakill Middle School
New STUDENT cases of COVID-19 (positive test)	7	6
New STAFF cases of COVID-19 (positive test)	2	0
Students currently in quarantine	6	1
% of Students vaccinated (two shots)	42%	59%
% of Students also boosted	n/a	26%
% of Staff vaccinated (two shots)	94%	97%
% of Staff also boosted	35%	49%

Since September 2, 2022, the cumulative number of students who have been COVID-19 positive is 272, which is 23% of the student population.

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