

# Coffee & Conversation

*with* Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Frank Santora**

held at Kennedy Elementary School • Tuesday, September 24, 2024





## **District Goals** for 2024/2025

### ***Preparing the children of today for tomorrow...***

#### **1- Implementation of a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)**

*To foster an environment that enables all students to receive a robust, comprehensive and individualized plan for learning.*

#### **2- Portrait of a Graduate**

*To revise the Portrait of a Graduate, and focus our efforts on modifying it to be more reflective of recent staff, student and parent feedback.*

#### **3- Sustainability**

*To implement innovative programs to support students' sustainability.*

#### **4- Health & Wellness**

*To continue to cultivate a learning environment that promotes the emotional and physical well-being of all students.*

#### **5- Parent Education & Engagement**

*To provide meaningful learning opportunities for parents & guardians that assist them in supporting the academic, social, emotional needs of students.*



## District Goal 2 - Portrait of a Graduate

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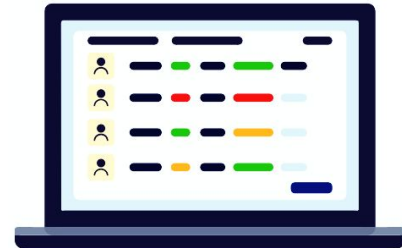
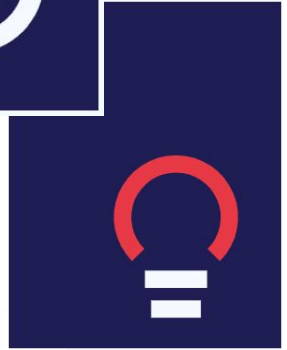
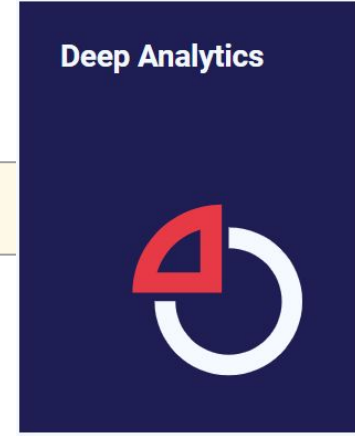
- **Over the course of the 2023-2024 school year**, students, parents and staff provided feedback on the POG.
  - All indicated a **need for greater clarity** on how the daily indicator attributes are incorporated into students' instruction days.
  - This will be accomplished via focus groups/work sessions involving various stakeholders groups.
  - There will be **parent/guardian workgroup meetings** **from 6pm to 7pm** on **Wed. Oct 16th** ■ **Wed. Nov 20th** ■ **Thurs. Dec 5th, 2024**
  - Further information on how to participate will be provided at a later date.
- **The following questions will be used to guide our work:**
  - **How can this be accomplished?**
  - **How do we formally assess progress?**
  - **How is such progress communicated to families?**



# LinkIt!

*"Capturing student data and turning insight into action"*

- **With LinkIt, our staff are able to:**
  - Analyze student data on a regular basis
  - Plan responsive, comprehensive instruction that is based on individual student needs
  - Track student progress & address performance trends
- **Scheduled Professional Development**
  - **Data Forward Summer 2024** institute for Administrators
  - **October 14th PD** for Faculty





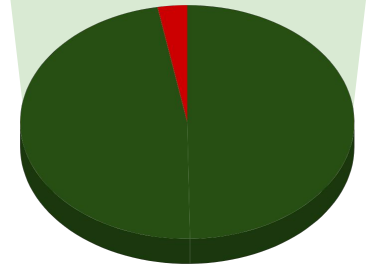
# Preschool Expansion Aid Application

## The Intended Plan...

- **Children must turn 3 by Oct. 1**
- **Creation of 7 in-district preschool classrooms**
  - 1 at Jefferson
  - 1 at Kennedy
  - 1 at Nixon
  - 2 at RHS
  - 2 at the Meeker Street Building
- **Partnership with licensed daycare providers**
  - Learning Tree Academy (Succasunna) - 1 classroom
  - LightBridge Academy in (Randolph) - 2 classrooms
- **Classrooms will operate on same full-day schedule as the K-4 School Buildings**
  - Certified Preschool Teachers, Teacher Assistants, School Social Worker & Nurse
  - Instruction will be aligned with the Preschool Learning Standards.
  - All students will be eligible for transportation to and from school/location.



Of the families with young children,  
**97%**  
**are interested**  
 in a  
*Preschool Program for Roxbury*






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- **NJDOE set to release decisions in the “Fall”.**
  - **If granted the award,** the district must implement the plan within 75 days.
-  **During the week of Monday, September 30, 2024 the district will send out another survey** in order to gather further interest in the program including preferential locations.
- If the interest exceeds the **available number of seats (approximately 120)**, students will be selected via a lottery.
  - Interested and eligible students who are currently enrolled in the RCS and TYC Preschool programs and/or those at the partner locations will be given priority.
- The district is currently working on securing additional partner locations for the 25-26 school year.



## Transportation Updates

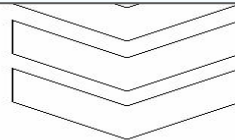
### *Drop Off Changes for Students K - 4*



In the interest of **our students' safety**, the Transportation Department will not permit **students of Grades K through 4** to leave the school bus at the end of the school day unless met by an adult.

If you **do not** require your child to be met at their designated bus stop...

**"Bus Stop Release Waiver"**





## Reunification Drill

*to be held for **Lincoln Roosevelt 6th Gr. Students & Families**  
on Thursday, October 17, 2024*

- **Reunification Drills involve:**
  - evacuating all individuals from the school campus, and transporting them by bus to another location for organized release to their parents/guardians
- OR
- releasing students to parents/guardians after an on-campus or community-wide emergency situation that prevents students from leaving schools under routine processes.
- **Reunification Drills allow all stakeholders to :**
  - Realize logistical complexities of the reunification process
  - Practice roles & responsibilities
  - Strengthen communication strategies







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- **Drill will be open to 6th grade students on a voluntary basis .**
  - Mr. Argenziano (LRS Principal) will be sending out an interest form/permission to families in the coming days.
- **Students/staff will evacuate to Mount Olive High School .**
  - Parents of students will be provided with instructions on how, when and where to engage in pick-up procedures.

