



Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Schools

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Dear Parents,

Our district is very excited to share with you the [2016-2017 New Jersey School Performance Report](#) for your child's school. Overall, these reports illustrate our students' high achievement and positive academic growth. Further, they provide families, educators and the public a picture of overall school performance across many elements, including schoolwide academic achievement and progress, demographics, school climate, chronic absenteeism, and college and career readiness.

This year, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has included several enhancements to the reports.

New Jersey School Performance One-Page Summary Reports

For the first time, the NJDOE is publishing one-page, parent-friendly Summary Reports providing easy-to-read highlights of each school. The Summary Reports are a dashboard of key indicators such as student progress, graduation rates and 2-year and 4-year college attendance. The NJDOE has also made available a guide (rc.doe.state.nj.us/Documents/SummaryReportGuide.html) to explain the different data points on the Summary Reports.

Over Two Dozen New Data Elements

The 2016-17 New Jersey School Performance Reports (rc.doe.state.nj.us/SearchForSchool.aspx) contain new data elements, including:

- Updated school narratives with information across a variety of categories;
- Full and/or half day Pre-K and K reporting;
- Chronic Absenteeism by grade, subgroup, and progress toward statewide goals;
- In-school and out-of-school suspensions; and
- School start and end times.

Summative Rating

Federal law requires New Jersey to include a summative rating based on a formula that combines a few key measures (i.e., proficiency, student growth, graduation and chronic absenteeism).

Our staff continues to address the following questions in relation to this data, and we encourage you as well to engage in these conversations locally with your child's teachers and principal:

- Are our students on track for success?
- Are all of our students making progress from last year?
- In what areas is our school doing well, and in what areas might we need improvement?

Finally, the NJDOE continues to seek your input on how to further improve the usability of these reports. Please fill out the feedback survey (www.surveymonkey.com/r/V5WKDYD) or email the reportcard@doe.state.nj.us.

Thank you,

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