



MOUNT HOLLY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL STRATEGY

Vision 2021

November 2017 Report

What We Believe

VISION

Every student will have an excellent educational experience.

MISSION

We cultivate the capacity for lifelong learning, the creativity for innovation, and the curiosity for exploration.

VALUES

We pursue excellence through perseverance, integrity, collaboration, and inspiration.

Strategy

- ✓ *One District, One Community*
- ✓ *College and Career Readiness*
- ✓ *Learning Environment*
- ✓ *Character Education*
- ✓ *Sustainable Practices*

During the 2017-2018 school year, we plan to provide quarterly updates to the community and its stakeholders on the District's Education Strategy, **Vision 2021: The Future is Now.**

As the first quarter ends, let's take a few minutes to reflect on a few of our strategic accomplishments.

One District One Community

With great appreciation to our Brainerd PTA, Folwell PTO, and Holbein PTA, approximately 600 members of the community attended two district wide events: the fun packed Fall Festival and the Children's Hospital Service Project for patients at Virtua Hospital.

College and Career Readiness

The District has adopted the Independent Reading Level Assessment framework in grades 1 to 5 to provide a common alignment in reading assessment, reading practices, and reading goal setting.

Learning Environment

The full day preschool program, adopted in the 2015-2016 school year through the \$1.2 million-dollar Preschool Expansion Grant, received a ★★★★★ Rating through Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System.

Character Education

The Positive Behavior Interventions and Support movement has been deployed district wide. Each school has adopted the PBIS model in a manner that meets the students' developmental needs for the grade span it serves. Professional and parent development will continue to occur through the 2018-2019 school year.

Sustainable Practices

The Holbein Green Team students and staff collected approximately 3000 pounds of recycled material by June 2017.

The Folwell School has joined Healthy U to promote healthy living, wellness activities, and nutritional awareness in every child.

The SMILE Lab outdoor classroom at Brainerd School opened for exploratory, real-world learning in October 2017.

The column to the left of the page shares the district's belief system. To the stakeholders, we ask two questions:

- Do you believe the District is striving daily to reach our vision, mission, and values?
- Are you committed to supporting the District in reaching its vision, mission, and values?

At the core of it all is the District's pursuit of excellence. At large, the leaders, the teaching professionals, and the support staff who are serving the children of this great community are dedicated, heart-driven, and exemplary educators. As the Superintendent, I am proud of so many of them for their commitment to excellence and their passion for learning. The children of Mount Holly are in great hands.

Still, we have much to accomplish in the pursuit of academic excellence. With the right systems in place, the Mount Holly Township School District will accomplish its educational strategy, one step at a time. Join the conversation; join the movement:

- Read the District Strategic Plan in its entirety on our website: www.mtholly.k12.nj.us.
- Attend the next Strategic Meeting on January 19, 2018 at 7:00pm in the F. W. Holbein Library.

Sincerely,

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James DiDonato
Superintendent of Schools

