



# Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Families,

This year, we committed to following our moral compass. While being Non-judgmental in our thoughts, Selfless and Empathetic in our actions, and Well-mannered in our interactions we were able to develop and sustain a climate of respect and tolerance. This compassion, benevolence, and thoughtfulness was exhibited through:

1. Our being awarded honorable mention for the State District of Character Award
2. Winning the Promising Practice Award for our School #1 Compassion Through Art program
3. The work our Peer Leaders achieved throughout the year included serving as panel members for a discussion with districts considering the program for their schools
4. The One School One Book initiative where we all read, discussed, and engaged in Rain Reign – the story of an 11-year-old autistic child's struggle
5. Raising over \$1,500 for CHD (Congenital Heart Defect Coalition) and Cycle For Survival (Memorial Sloan Kettering)

Following this compass allowed us to navigate our way successfully through learning activities, collaborative practices, innovative developments, and pedagogical strategies. Examples of these accomplishments include:

1. A National Department of Education Blue Ribbon Nomination for School #3
2. A State Department of Education ranking of #6
3. A visit by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education, Dr. Lamont Repollet
4. A visit and tour with the NJ Department of Education Performance Department to see what Little Falls is doing to increase student achievement so they may share with other districts across New Jersey
5. The first district in NJ to submit the 2018-19 Future Ready School Application
6. The completion of our outdoor classroom in collaboration with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission
7. The development of our Little Falls Looking Forward Strategic Plan
8. Our School #1 Newspaper, Hornet Highlights, being awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place nationally by the American Scholastic Press Association
9. Students using data folders to track their own success and identify areas in need of improvement
10. The successful performance of Legally Blonde Jr.
11. Our Hornets' Got Talent Show
12. Continued collaboration and partnership with the LFEF (Little Falls Education Foundation), School #2/3 PTA, and School #1 PTSA
13. Continued collaboration with multiple Community Stakeholders
14. Another successful Talk A Latte Series

As we relish in the achievements of this year's journey, we must celebrate the joint voyage we embarked on together. Working in conjunction to orient our map helped keep our students on the path to success - "One District...One Team...One Vision".

I continue to be humbled and honored to serve this wonderful community as your Superintendent. I wish you and your family a safe, fun, and healthy summer making memories. Our website [www.lfschools.org](http://www.lfschools.org) and other media outlets (Twitter and Instagram) will continue to be updated throughout the summer months.

Best,

  
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