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WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

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Celebrations in Professional Development

We have already engaged in hundreds of hours of professional development! Please find some of the topics below that were enhanced for Remote and Hybrid Learning. Teachers now have access to a Professional Development Repository with hundreds of hours of PD courses, screencasts, and research find just a few below:

- Asynchronous Instruction Technologies
- Assistive Technologies
- Building Positive Relationships
- Distance Learning Playbook
- Enhancing Student Engagement
- Establishing Relationships Remotely
- Navigating Difficult Conversations with Students
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Social Justice
- Talking about Race
- STEAM in the Classroom
- Synchronous Instruction Technologies
- Teaching Activities to Support SEL in Remote/ Hybrid Learning Environment
- Technology, Technology, Technology
 - Seesaw
 - Literably
 - Flipgrid
 - Freckle
 - Nearpod
 - WeVideo
- Google for Education
- Transition to Life
- Trauma Attuned Classrooms
- Great Schools Partnership!
- ...and so much more!



Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism

“Talking about race empowers people and gives them hope, courage, and strength to accept and be proud of their identity.” author unknown

Creating schools where each and every child feels valued, beloved, and able to identify with their teachers and the resources in their classrooms is not only a goal we strive towards, it is the driving force behind everything we do. To ensure we are working in the right direction, empowering our children to have a voice, and working together to hear that voice, our staff have been collaborating on many different levels to engage in conversations about equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism over the past few years.

As events around our world and our nation continue to remind us that *now is the time* to create schools where each and every child knows they have a place and feels celebrated simply because they are precious members of schools, we are incredibly excited to build district and building-based equity teams where staff, students, and parents come together to ask some of the most important questions in schools now~ *Do children and families feel welcomed in their schools?; Do our students have a voice in their schools?; Do our books and resources offer everyone a chance to see themselves in the characters and the authors we celebrate?; Are we engaging in the important conversations with our students?; How can we do better?*

In this volume of our newsletter, please see how our **District Media Specialists** answered some of these questions ~ [Our Diverse Collections](#)

Please take every opportunity to let us know how we are doing as your building equity teams reach out to hear your voice. ❤️ Lisa ❤️



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March 2021

March 16, 2:30 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Behavior Supports for Home

March 18, 6:00 p.m.

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) for
Parents of Students with Disabilities
Livingston High School

March 18, 7:00 p.m.

College Admissions Panel for
All Parents
Livingston High School

March 24, 7:00 p.m.

“Parenting During Uncertain & Stressful Times”
Presented by Marianne McCrone, LPC & Robyn Krugman, LCSW
of Jewish Family Services for
All Parents and Students, Grades 6-12



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April 2021

April 6, 6:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Understanding Behaviors

April 6, 6:00 p.m.

New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) Guest Speaker for
Parents of Students with a Disability, ages 16-21

April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Post-Secondary Application Process for
All Parents, Class of 2022

April 13, 6:00 p.m.

6th to 7th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability

April 13, 7:00 p.m.

6th to 7th Grade Transition Night for
All Parents

April 20, 7:00 p.m.

Math Program Grades 7-12 Information Evening for
All Parents, Grades 6-12

April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Livingston High School College, Career and Transition Fair for
All Parents

April 27, 7:00 p.m.

ESL Parent Night for
All Parents of English Learners, Pre-K-12



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May 2021

May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Family Science Conference Night for
All Elementary Parents, Grades 2—5

May 5, 6:00 p.m.

Literacy Night for
All Parents, Grades Pre-K-2

May 6, 6:00 p.m.

PRIDE Parent Workshop
The Transition from PRIDE to Kindergarten

May 20, 6:00 p.m.

Managing Expectations of the Junior Year for
Parents of Students with a Disability, Class of 2023

May 20, 7:00 p.m.

Post-Secondary Planning Process: Overview of the Junior Year for
All Parents, Class of 2023



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June 2021

June 1, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Science Research Symposium
Livingston High School

June 7, 7:00 p.m.

Senior Awards and Scholarship Program
Livingston High School

June 10, 6:30 p.m.

5th to 6th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability

June 10, 7:30 p.m.

5th to 6th Grade Transition Night for
All Parents