## EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Community Members,

Kingsway Regional School District invited East Greenwich Township School District to participate in a grant application to fund the cost of a school district feasibility consolidation study. The grant is funded by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP), and if the grant is approved, the consolidation study would be conducted at no cost to our district. Logan Township School District and Swedesboro-Woolwich School District were also invited to participate in the grant application.

At our April 22, 2020 Board of Education meeting, a resolution was approved to participate in the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) grant application. Adoption of this resolution is not an indication of the Board of Education's unilateral support for consolidation. Instead, the resolution permits our school district to work collaboratively with Kingsway Regional School District to complete the grant application. By participating in the grant proposal process, we ensure required grant information accurately and thoroughly represents our district.

Should the LEAP grant be awarded, a school district consolidation feasibility study would ensue. The purpose of the study would be to explore and assess factors such as the potential for improved efficiency and cost savings, coordination of curriculum across grades and schools and the creation of an enhanced learning environment for students.

The grant submission deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and grant awards are based upon the availability of state funding. If the LEAP grant is awarded for a school district consolidation study, we will notify our community members of the next steps in the process. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Andrea Evans