



# EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear East Greenwich Township School Community,

It is hard to believe we are already into the second month of the school year! Thank you for your support as our students embraced learning new routines and settled into the 2024-2025 school year. This month, I would like to highlight our district's recent positive New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJ QSAC) review and our transition to a new math resource, iReady Math Classroom, in grades Beginners through Five.

### **New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJ QSAC)**

NJ QSAC is a comprehensive assessment of district compliance in five areas: Instruction and Program, Fiscal Management, Governance, Operations and Personnel. The review is conducted by the Gloucester County Executive County Superintendent and a team of professionals. Our district scored at least 80% in each of the five areas, so we will be certified by the NJ State Board of Education as providing a thorough and efficient system of education to our community. We also proudly receive the designation of a **"high performing" school district** for the next three years, or until the next QSAC review. We recognize and appreciate the hard work of our administration and staff in ensuring our practices and procedures reflect this honor. More information can be found [here](#).

### **iReady Math Classroom**

For the 2024-2025 school year, we adopted iReady Math Classroom in grades Beginners through Five. iReady Classroom shifts the way we provide math instruction, and our new resource has a strong emphasis on meaningful discourse using the Try It, Discuss It, Connect It model. In order to support the transition to a more student-centered, inquiry-based approach to learning math, we must provide time for students to build confidence through meaningful practice and feedback. We believe with frequent, consistent practice, students' skills and discourse stamina will develop.

To provide time for this shift in teaching and learning, **for at least the first trimester, grade 1 through 5 students' Math report card grades will be Pass or Fail. Assessments will continue to be given, graded and entered into the gradebook.** This provides full transparency for parents and



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students regarding progress and proficiency towards grade level standards. Parents and guardians will be able to view all graded assignment scores and the final grade average. However, the final grade on students' report cards will not be a letter grade such as A, B, C, D or F. Instead, the final grade will be listed as "Pass" or "Fail".

This ensures that a trimester grade is not a barrier to implementing iReady with integrity and fidelity. While we want students to continue to put forth their best efforts, and we want assessment scores to represent students' progress accurately, we do not want students' effort and confidence to be impacted by a shift in how we are teaching and learning math. By also ensuring that math final trimester averages are not included in the calculation of awards or honors, we can reduce the impact of the changing resource and provide space for the learning curve.

## **REMINDERS:**

### **Bus Driver of the Month**

Our new Bus Driver of the Month Program highlights our bus drivers for their exceptional safety and service. If you would like to nominate a driver, please complete this form: [here](#).

### **East Greenwich First Responders Night**

The East Greenwich First Responders Night will be held on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at Thompson Family Park. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Family Mental Health Night**

Our first Family Mental Health Night will be held this Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the Jeffrey Clark School library. We hope you can join us! Click [here](#) for the flyer.

### **iReady Math**

In September, our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mrs. Giorgianni, hosted several informational sessions for parents to learn more about iReady Math Classroom. Two of the virtual sessions were recorded and can be accessed via [here](#) under "iReady Family Sessions".

### **Parent Portal *Realtime Link* App**

Parents and guardians are able to view Parent Portal information in a mobile app. The *Realtime Link* app provides mobile access to information such as attendance and grades. You can download the



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app and login with your parent portal credentials. More information and help contact information can be found [here](#).

## **Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC)**

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee provides an opportunity for parents and guardians to have direct input into programs, practices and services which have a direct input on all special education students and their families. We are looking for new members for our SEPAC! If you are interested, please click [here](#) for more information.

## **Week of Respect**

The Week of Respect is held yearly to call attention to the importance of developing respect for self, others, school and community. This year, to reflect our theme of *Peace*, students will learn how to solve conflict using a "Peace Path". Both of our playground areas have new Peace Paths students can use for this purpose. Many thanks to Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gentile, Mrs. Lombardo, Mrs. Weston and students for creating our Peace Paths!

We also invite parents and guardians to a virtual informational session today, **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:00pm** where our District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and District Anti-Bullying Specialists will discuss anti-bullying legislation, bullying vs. conflict, bullying prevention and parental rights. The Google Meet login information can be found at the bottom of the [Week of Respect Parent Letter](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Andrea Evans