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Superintendent of Schools

Community Message SY 21-22 No. 15

Jonathan Ponds, Ed.D.

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

At its February 2 meeting, the Board approved a resolution for a \$90,000 contract with Parette Somjen Architects (PSA). This is a pivotal step for the district in that it enables us to move building projects forward for inclusion in a bond referendum. PSA will complete and submit project applications to the NJDOE for review and approval of district-wide facility improvements by May 2022. Once the state approves the applications, we will develop the bond issue for placement on a ballot. This is indeed exciting news.

Start Strong Data

The ECI Department will give a virtual presentation to parents on results from our students' Start Strong assessments on **Thurs., Feb. 10, 7 PM**. A link to this will be posted on the district website on **Tues., Feb. 8**.

A special thank you to our school counselors! **February 7 - 11 is National School Counseling Week**, and we are so proud of the work they do helping our students navigate through challenging times and championing their efforts.

We continue to celebrate Black History Month. Be sure to visit our website for new articles and pictures. The district is also pleased to announce that the resolution recognizing Lunar New Year as a district holiday was passed at the Feb. 2 Board meeting. We are happy to be celebrating the Year of the Tiger until February 15!

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Jonathan Ponds

Superintendent