



# Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS FEBRUARY 2016

## Curriculum Committee Meeting

*The Curriculum Committee met on Monday, February 1, 2016, and reviewed two presentations. Kim Georgeian presented an overview of the Preschool Funding Grant submitted to the state. Lynda Jackey presented an overview of PARCC test results. A working session of the PiscatawayREADS Ad-Hoc committee followed.*

**Preschool 2016-2017 State Grant** Total award sought for the annually funded program is \$442,000. This covers tuition for 67 income eligible students, many of whom require ESL services. “Tools of the Mind,” a research-based early childhood curriculum that develops cognitive, social-emotional, self-regulatory and foundational academic skills in children, is the cornerstone of the Preschool Program.

**PARCC Results** Individual test results have been sent to parents. Aggregated data on district performance, also presented at the board meeting of January 28, was presented to the committee. A lively discussion followed. While limited information is currently available, Piscataway placed above state and PARCC averages for the overwhelming majority of the PARCC tests at every grade level. Teachers are asked to compare PARCC results with student report card results. Comparative data will be released in the coming months.

**Ad-Hoc Committee for PiscatawayREADS:** Robert Coleman reported that the high school PAC will be used as a launch site for the PiscatawayREADS Program, where attendees will gather for general remark. Various logistics for the program were discussed, including a movie night fundraiser prior to PiscatawayREADS. The movie will be “1000 to 1”, an inspiring true story of a college athlete who suffered a stroke. The real life athlete will be a presenter at PiscatawayREADS.