



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

APRIL 12, 2018

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on April 9, 2018 to review the final preparations for PiscatawayREADS, Summer Programs, Teacher Academies, QSAC evaluations, and PHS Academy Admissions:

- 1. PiscatawayREADS:** The Committee reviewed the final event schedule and accompanying materials, including poster competition winners.
- 2. Jump Ahead Summer Programs:** The Committee reviewed Academic Enrichment (AE), which allows students to review AP, Honors, and next level courses prior to the start of the school year, and Academic Assistance (AA), the invitation-only program for students in need of academic support. AE will be held at Schor School for grades 6-11 students. AA will be held at Grandview School for incoming K-5 students and at Schor for grades 6-8 students.
- 3. Teacher Academy for Professional Development:** Summer PD sessions are planned. Faculty will review and analyze data collected during the 2017-2018 school year; implement best practices for adaption of Kindergarten Go Math; and develop new teaching materials. New faculty will focus on the District's culture and philosophy; team building; the Danielson Teacher Evaluation Standard; and routine logistics.
- 4. QSAC Evaluation:** The superintendent and administration presented the District's report to County Officials and again anticipate a high performance rating.
- 5. PHS Academy Admissions:** Approximately one third of all eighth grade students (194 students) applied for academy admission, with 78-percent (151 students) accepted into academies.
 - Biomedical Academy—69 students
 - Engineering Academy—54 students
 - Visual & Performing Arts Academy—28 studentsStudents who were not accepted were encouraged to register for academy classes and re-apply for the 2019-2020 school year.