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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Dr. Christopher M. Tully, Superintendent of Schools



As the world turns its attention to the final rounds of the World Cup, I am reminded of a quote by American soccer star Mia Hamm who wrote, "It is more difficult to stay on top than to get there."

More than ten years ago, the Bergenfield Public School District established the goal of moving from "Good to Great" through investments in professional development, curriculum, and technology to elevate the academic achievement of all students.

District administration ushered in data-driven instruction, demanded excellence in teaching and leadership, and established a culture of high expectations for all stakeholders. Meanwhile, the board built our technological infrastructure and provided access to tools that allow students and teachers to learn and grow continuously through the use of rapidly available information. We also established strong partnerships with Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, Ramapo College, The College of St. Elizabeth, Felician University, Bergen County Community College, and many other content area experts.

As a result, we moved rapidly to the top. BHS has been recognized by *The Washington Post* as one of "America's Most Challenging High Schools" and was listed on *US News & World Report's* "Best High Schools" list. We were also recognized as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation and a top ten school district nationally for technology by the Center for Digital Education.

Receiving these honors could have easily enabled us to take our success for granted or even become complacent. Instead, we went ALL IN with our investment in exceptionalism. It is for this very reason that you can visit our district web site today and see that we continue to be honored annually for excellence by these same prestigious organizations. The only difference is that, in all cases, we have moved EVEN CLOSER to being one of the top of districts in the nation. It remains our mission to climb higher towards the pinnacle of excellence in education.

Biologist Thomas Huxley once wrote, "The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher." We appreciate how you have lifted us throughout the year with your unwavering support and partnership. Now, we are ready to start climbing once more and feel confident that our parents and community are with us every step of the way. Have a happy and healthy summer.

BHS RANKED FOURTH IN BERGEN COUNTY



For the third year in a row, Bergenfield High School has been ranked among the top 4 percent of high schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. BHS was recognized as 707th in the nation, 28th in the state, and 4th in Bergen County, behind only the Bergen County Academies, Bergen County Technical High School Teterboro, and Ridge-wood High School on the "2018 Best High Schools" list.

U.S. News & World Report awards the top 5,948 public high schools with gold, silver, and bronze medals, indicating their level of college readiness. Over 20,500 public high schools across all 50 states were analyzed, with less than 30 percent of the schools being awarded medals. BHS has earned a silver medal for the second year in a row.

The rankings are produced in conjunction with RTI International, a global research firm.



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CONTRAST OF THE 2017-18 AND 2018-19 SCHOOL BUDGETS

INSTRUCTION	Budgeted for 2017-18	Budgeted for 2018-19
Regular Programs	19,556,644	20,892,232
Special Education	7,923,998	7,621,904
Basic Skills	623,012	343,251
Bilingual Education	569,319	710,100
School Sponsored Co-Curricular Activities	327,233	355,269
School Sponsored Athletics	531,852	612,000
Community Services Programs/Operations	6,155	6,155
Summer School	142,684	-
Total General Current Expense	\$ 29,680,897	\$ 30,540,911
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Tuition	2,713,166	3,951,735
Health Services	744,559	764,373
Speech, OT, PT, Related & Extra Services	486,855	576,189
Other Support Services	1,658,953	991,110
Guidance	1,203,773	1,087,085
Child Study Teams	1,285,888	1,496,527
Improvement of Instructional Services	9,248	9,248
Educational Media Services/School Libraries	827,083	852,253
Instructional Staff Training Services	13,189	13,189
General Administration	1,382,193	1,519,775
School Administration	3,297,944	3,194,068
Central Svcs	636,789	650,550
Admin Info Technology	38,346	38,412
Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services	5,335,746	5,350,032
Security	597,907	755,218
Student Transportation Services	2,100,345	2,092,627
Employee Benefits	10,706,701	11,289,897
Total Support Services Expenditures	\$ 33,038,685	\$ 34,632,288
TOTAL CURRENT GENERAL EXPENSE	\$ 62,719,582	\$ 65,173,199
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Equipment	315,523	315,523
Facilities Acquisition/Construction	1,192,102	975,487
Total Capital Outlay	\$ 1,507,625	\$ 1,291,010
SPECIAL SCHOOLS		
Special Schools	46,673	57,573
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	183,986	174,346
OPERATING BUDGET GRAND TOTAL	\$ 64,457,866	\$ 66,696,128

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WE ARE BERGENFIELD: A SNAPSHOT OF THE CLASS OF 2018



Conor Murray
Valedictorian, Student Congress President, AP Scholar, attending University of Pennsylvania



Christopher Cornejo
Varsity soccer, track, Peer Transitions Leader, debate, attending University of Pittsburgh



Giancarlo Rendon
Cross country, tennis, marching band, AP Scholar with Honors, attending Haverford College



Shanaylene Fuentes
STEM Program, META TEOP FDU Program, debate, attending Rutgers University



Chelse Salnave
National Honor Society, cheerleader captain, DECA President, attending University of Miami



Zainab Ali
Action Team, Big Brother Big Sister, Peer Transitions Leader, attending Seton Hall University



Zandra Phillips
Tri M, Math Honor Society, track, soccer, tennis, varsity debate, attending Boston University



Justin Ruel Bocado
Marching Band Section Leader, tennis, attending Pennsylvania State University



Ria Dones
STEM Program, National Honor Society, orchestra, marching band, attending The College of New Jersey



Pooja Shah
President of Science Honor Society, President of Model UN, attending Rutgers University

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