



From the Superintendent

Ambrose F. Duckett, III

Even if the weather doesn't suggest it, we are well in the throes of spring. With that comes NJSLA testing, field trips, end of the year activities and more. At our last Board of Education meeting, we adopted our budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Please be mindful that this was no easy task. In the last six years, our district has endured reduced funding because of Senate Bill S-2, which has been misappropriately called the "Fair Funding Act". Two major factor "accelerants" impacting our small district are the increasing wealth of the town and our slowly decreasing enrollment. In the media, New Jersey was celebrated for adding another \$650 million to school districts. While that money benefited some districts, Eastampton lost in excess of \$500,000 which made preparing the budget challenging. We benefited from the township committing \$150,000 of Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to our district for the next four years, [ESSER Funds](#), and smart planning by the Administration and Board of Education. We anticipate enrollment to increase in the next few years which will stem the loss of funding.

In spite of these obstacles, we still have been able to add programming to best meet the needs of our diverse student population. Just this past year, we added a successful preschool program, extended our summer program, provided after school tutoring, and added supplemental services for English Language Arts and Math. In addition, in the last six years our district has been able to save enough money to remove and replace our front parking lot and replace the outside basketball court. This project is slated to start the week after school ends, with more details forthcoming. Special acknowledgement needs to go to Pat Austin, our Interim Business Administrator, who has masterfully pieced everything together

This year, one of the Board of Education goals was to rewrite the Mission and Vision statements for the district. Our parent advisory group met and worked throughout the year on this project. I am pleased to announce that the at our last Board of Education meeting we adopted the following Mission and Vision Statement. I would also like to present to the community our new Mission and Vision Logo that was created by our talented art teacher, Mackenzie Mauro.



BUILDING SUCCESS TOGETHER

Together, students, staff, parents, and the Eastampton community will work to foster excellence and empathy by providing a quality education and encouraging respect, promoting diversity, and nurturing the skills students need to exceed the New Jersey learning standards and succeed in today's world.

Together, we will provide a safe learning environment for our kids to explore, innovate, and grow into the individuals they are.

Special thanks to Board President Kerry Douglas, Board Member Dr. Florencia Norton, parent Michelle Poolaw, parent Eve Waite, and art teacher Mackenzie Mauro for their efforts. Great work, team!

Upcoming Dates:

Community Basketball game: Friday, May 6, from 6:30-8:30 pm

Spring Choral Concerts and Art Show: Monday, May 9, at 6:30 and 7:30 pm

Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 pm

Spring Instrumental Concert and Art Show: Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 and 7:30 pm

Eastampton PTA Color Fun Run: Saturday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m.

CST Update

Kelly Eagles



Our ESY/Summer Enrichment program will be provided for all students recommended by their teachers for summer extension learning opportunities. The program will run from **July 5-July 28 (Monday-Thursday) from 8:30-12:30**; including both general and special education children in rising grades 1-6. Middle School Math and ELA tutorials will be provided in small groups for recommended rising 7th and 8th grade students during this time as well. Teacher recommendations will be completed by the end of the week with parent permission forms going out the week of **May 9th** for recommended students. We look forward to offering this engaging academic program to our ECS community! Please reach out to Mrs. Eagles or Mrs. Fulleylove with any questions.

Office of Curriculum

Linda Fulleylove

Our testing dates for the state-required NJSLA assessments are quickly approaching!

Assessment	Subject(s)	Grades	Testing Dates
NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	ELA and Math	3,4,5,6,7,8	May 16-19, 2022
NJ Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S)	Science	5 and 8	May 23-24, 2022

For more information on the NJ Student Learning Assessment parents can visit:

<https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>

Please remember:

- **On-time to school**
- **Headphones for testing**
- **No phones or outside devices allowed (phones in lockers - students are not allowed to wear Apple Watches - so please keep at home!)**

Thank you to all our families for your support with the administration of this assessment.

Our Works of Art!





