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SUPERINTENDENT’S CHOICE AWARDS

INFORMATION REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR OCTOBER

October 23, 2007
Camden, New Jersey

To the President and Members of the Board of Education:

ALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ARE AT NO COST TO THE BOARD

SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATION

A. Thanksgiving Food Baskets

1. Kaighns Avenue Baptist Church

The Superintendent recommends that permission be granted for Kaighns Avenue Baptist Church to distribute Thanksgiving Food Baskets for deserving families to the following elementary schools:

Bonsall Family School	Cooper's Poynt Family School
Cramer School	Cream Family School
Davis School	McGraw School
Molina School	Powell School
Whittier School	Washington School
Catto Community School	H.B. Wilson School
Forest Hill School	Yorkship School
Early Childhood Development Center	Sharp School
Parkside School	Sumner School
Yorkship School	

Each school will submit the names of six (6) families to receive a food basket. A board truck and driver will deliver the baskets beginning at 9:00 am on November 20, 2007.

There will be no cost to the Board

2. Office of Communications

It is recommended that permission be granted for the Office of Communications to receive donations for the annual Thanksgiving Holiday Food Basket Giveaway and the Winter Holiday Spirit Drive. The recipients of the drives will receive a dinner basket and/or clothing and toys for children during the winter holiday season.

The Office of Communications staff, in collaboration with Food Services, Plant Services and Business Services, will purchase, pack and deliver food baskets and toys to the community school coordinators for families designated by the building principals. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

3. Adult Education

It is recommended that permission be granted for Campbell Soup Company to deliver Thanksgiving Baskets on Monday, November 19, 2007, for needy families involved in the program. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Bonsall Family School (Pagan)

1. Masters' Thesis

It is recommended that permission be granted for Ms. Melissa Jeffrey, grade 2 teacher at Bonsall Family School, to complete her thesis as part of a Masters' program at Rowan University. Ms. Jeffrey will study, "The Effectiveness of Small Group Instruction and Cooperative Learning in Math". Parents will be asked to sign a consent form permitting their child to be included in the study. All information will be confidential, and student names will not be used. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

B. Forest Hill School (Kirwin)

1. Internship

It is recommended that permission be granted for Ms. Timicka McGee, Paraprofessional A at Forest Hill School, to complete her field internship in School Counseling at Forest Hill School during the Fall 2007. Ms. McGee is enrolled at Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

C. Catto Community School (Wright)

1. Internship

It is recommended that permission be granted for Ms. Charae Whetstone, Teacher of the Handicapped, to complete an internship under Ms. Robin Wyche, Principal, and Ms. Gail Witherspoon, Vice Principal, at Catto Community School, during the 2007-2008 school year. Ms. Whetstone is a graduate student for Education Administration. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

D. Curriculum & Instruction Dept.

1. Doctoral Research

It is recommended that permission be granted for Mr. Clinton N. Dozier, doctoral candidate in the Department of Educational Leadership Management and Policy at Seton Hall University, to conduct a study to determine whether program components vs. individual student characteristics are more predictive of student success with regard to health care training preparation. The study will be conducted at Brimm Medical Arts High School. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. MetEast High School (Pagan)

1. Big Picture Retreat

It is recommended that permission be granted for MetEast High School to host Big Picture Company's Principals' Retreat on December 7, 2007. Principals from Big Picture Company's network of approximately 50 schools will visit MetEast High School to learn from the school's best practices. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

B. Washington School (Kirwin)

1. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Ratification

It is recommended that permission be granted for Washington School to present a workshop on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder on October 18, 2007, 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Guidance counselors and two (2) representatives from the Pupil Assistance Committee from the following schools will participate:

Catto School
Cramer School
Cooper's Poynt Family School
Cream Family School
Early Childhood Development Center
Washington School

Topics to be covered will be:
Identification of Students with A.D.H.D.
Strategies for Teachers to Use to Help Students with A.D.H.D.

Dr. Wendy J. Ross, Developmental Behavior Pediatrician, of Einstein Medical Center will conduct the workshops

In addition, Dr. Ross will make a presentation to Washington School staff from 3:15 to 4:15 pm.

There will be no cost to the Board.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

A. Curriculum & Instruction Dept.

1. Rowan University Field Placements Ratification

It is recommended that the following Rowan University students complete their education practicum in "Teaching in Learning Communities I", at the schools listed, ½ day per week for three (3) hours, September 27 to December 13, 2007:

Cooper's Poynt Family

Jessica Alden	Megan Rulon
Koryn Belfonti	Donna Tiernan
Jedediah Blume	Kyle Woodward
Jonathan Brown	Travis Davis
Carmen deGuzman	Steven Holloway
Alison Mersiowsky	Damon Peoples
Peter Reyes	Jennifer Ruiz
Rosa Ruiz	

Sumner School

Thomas Abruzzo	James McCloskey
Natalie Blasco	John Meko
Franklin Butterick	Christopher Ney
Carissa Cappiello	Alyssa Perry
Christopher Daisey	Kristin Pucca
James Fiore	Patricia Robey
Allison Egzi	Jessica Schcuren
Corrine Ferguson	JoAnne Semones
Kelly Freeman	Mariel Suarez
Mike Haydak	Nichole Urbelis
Renee Hitchner	Chanell Wilson
Amy Holmes	Jessica Woldow
Jamie Horton	
Matthew Kunder	

There will be no cost to the Board

SCHOOL/DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

A. Brimm Medical Arts High School (Pagan)

1. Senior Prom

It is recommended that permission be granted for Brimm Medical Arts High School to host its annual senior prom on Thursday, May 22, 2008, from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at The Mansion in Voorhees, NJ. The cost will be \$75 per person. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

B. Camden High School

1. College Fair

It is recommended that permission be granted for Ms. Cheryl Middleton, Guidance Counselor at Camden High School, to host the annual "College Fair." The event will take place on Thursday, November 15, 2007 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Participating Colleges

Rowan University

Farleigh Dickinson

Lincoln University

Workforce Education & Life Career Opportunities

New Jersey Army National Guard

Delaware State University

Camden County

Devry University

High Tech

Mentoring You to Excel

Champ

ITT Technical Institute

There will be no cost to the Board.

C. Woodrow Wilson High School (Pagan)

1. Business Partnership/Wegman's Ratification

It is recommended that permission be granted for the 9th Grade Academy at Woodrow Wilson High School to engage in a business partnership with Wegman's Food Markets. Once a month, for 2 hours, beginning on October 18, 2007, the chief culinary chef at Wegman's in Cherry Hill, Audhild Cotton, and an assistant will prepare food for 40 students in the 9th Grade Academy to support academic instruction in the study of diverse cultures, promote exposure to career exploration in the culinary arts, and build a business partnership leading to student internships. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

2. Living Skills

It is recommended that the following business partners; Wachovia Bank, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, The Center for Independent Living and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, provide career and life skills seminars to students during the 2007-2008 school year. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

D. Pyne Poynt Middle School (Pagan)

1. Miss Pyne Poynt Princess Pageant

It is recommended that permission be granted for Pyne Poynt Middle School to host the Miss Pyne Poynt Princess Pageant on Friday, December 14, 2007, at 1:00 pm in the school auditorium for students, family and friends. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

E. South Camden Alternative School (Pagan)

1. Nutrition Education

It is recommended that permission be granted for Expanded Food and Education Program of Camden County (EFNEP) to provide free nutrition education during the 2007-2008 school year. EFNEP is a program sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Rutgers University. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

F. Catto Community School

1. Activities Ratification (Kirwin)

It is recommended that permission be granted for Catto Community School to host the following activities during the 2007-2008 school year:

Red Cross Safety Trailer-October 17, 2007-Camden Fire Department will present a Program for all students in grades 1 through 3.

NJ Transit Safety Education Program-October 19, 2007-School wide activity.

There will be no cost to the Board.

G. Cooper's Poynt Family School (Pagan)

1. Halloween Dance

It is recommended that permission be granted for Cooper's Poynt Family School to hold a Halloween Dance for students in grades 5-8 on Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Administrative staff, as well as teachers and parents will chaperone the dance. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

H. Cream Family School (Pagan)

1. Bookmates Ratification

It is recommended that permission be granted for Cream Family School to continue the "Bookmates" program during the 2007-2008 school year. "Bookmates" provides 12 volunteers to read to students in kindergarten to grade 2 from September 2007 to June 2008, to promote literacy and help young children become independent readers. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

I. Forest Hill School

1. NJ Transit

It is recommended that permission be granted for NJ Transit to present a "Safety Rules" assembly at Forest Hill School on November 5, 2007 for Pre-k-5 students to address light rail safety with students. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

J. Molina School (Kirwin)

1. Community Service Partnership Ratification

It is recommended that permission be granted for a community service partnership to take place between Molina School and Rutgers University's Office of Campus Involvement. Rutgers students will paint school hallways on October 19, 2007. They will also assist with a school yard clean up during the first week in November. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

K. Parkside School (Kirwin)

1. Tutoring Services Ratification

It is recommended that permission be granted for students at Parkside School to receive tutoring services from Woodland Community Development Corp./Mary Esther Williams Homework Centers during the 2007-2008 school year. Tutoring will take place at the school four (4) days per week for students in 3rd and 4th grades from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the areas of Literacy and Math. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

L. Powell School (Young)

1. Donation Ratification

It is recommended that Powell School be permitted to accept 70 backpacks filled with school supplies from Lyons, M & D Insurance and McCollum Insurance Companies. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

M. Washington School (Kirwin)

1. Fire Safety House Ratification

It is recommended that permission be granted for the American Red Cross Fire Safety House to visit Washington School on October 11, 2007 at 1:00 pm. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

2. Donations

It is recommended that Washington School be permitted to accept winter coats for every Washington School student from New Century Transportation Company of Easthampton, New Jersey. The approximate total worth of all the coats is about \$8,500.00.

It is also recommended that Washington School be permitted to accept school supplies for the students by First Baptist Church in Mt. Holly. The approximate total cost is about \$1,000.00.

It is further recommended that Washington School be permitted to accept donations from community member, Mr. Nick Gibbone, and the Target Store. These donations are being collected for the purpose of purchasing a sound system for the students. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

N. Art Aware

It is recommended that permission be granted for “Art Aware” to conduct the following activities during the 2007-2008 school year:

- Art Aware “Goes to School” presentations in all Camden elementary schools, with permission from the individual school principals.
- Sponsor exhibitions of artwork by Camden elementary school students, with the permission of the individual school principals, in public and private venues, such as; Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Pathmark Supermarkets, etc.
- Post samples of Camden elementary school artwork, with the permission of individual school principals, on the website: www.artaware.org. No last names of students will be used.

There will be no cost to the Board.

O. Juvenile Conference Committee

It is recommended that the district continue to partner with the Superior Court of New Jersey (JCC) to provide community service hours for first time juvenile offenders. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

COMMUNITY/PARENTS

A. MetEast High School (Pagan)

1. College Access Workshop

It is recommended that permission be granted for MetEast High School to host a "College Access" workshop/presentation on December 4, 2007, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Students and parents from all the district's high schools will be invited to attend. Ms. Leona Jackson, MetEast High School Guidance Counselor and a representative from C.H.A.M.P. will provide the training.

There will be no cost to the Board.

2. Parent Appreciation Night

It is recommended that permission be granted for MetEast High School to host Parent Appreciation Night on Tuesday, December 18, 2007, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This event is designed to show parents how their support and commitment is appreciated. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

B. Molina School (Kirwin)

1. Regional Family Support Planning Council

It is recommended that permission be granted for Molina School to host the Regional Family Support Planning Council, which represents families with special needs children or adults in Burlington and Camden Counties. This Open Forum will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Representatives from Medicaid, DDD and SSI will be available to answer parental questions. **There will be no cost to the Board.**

C. Sharp School (Kirwin)

1. Nutrition Classes

It is recommended that permission be granted for Sharp School to offer a series of nutrition classes to parents. Ms. Betsy Muniz of Rutgers Extension Service will present the classes. Parents will attend seven (7) Wednesday sessions where they will learn about nutrition, labeling, shopping and meal planning. At each session, they will be given recipes for economical balanced meals and food commodities to take home. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

October 10, 17, 24, 31 (Ratification)

November 7, 14, 21

There will be no cost to the Board.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH	VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Bonsall	Richard Williams	Saundra Williams	Daphne Miller
Catto	Brittany McNeil	Mrs. Edith Gardener	Mrs. Oneida Torres
Cooper's Poynt	Rafael Bernal	Annette Holmes	Luis Jenkins
Cramer	Kahlil Leslie	Carol Barham	Tomasina Davis
Cream	Aaliyah King	Esther Kober	Virginia White
Davis	Samantha Eang	Betty Rivera	Betsy Rivera
ECDC	Zaire Johnson	Wanda Diaz	Cheryl Hammond
Forest Hill	Jennifer Sewell	Ana Ortiz Sharon Baker Edward Carpenter	Ruth Coley
Lanning Square	Amparo Florenciani	Catherine Slater	Julio Soto
F.X. McGraw	Indonesia Young	Marvin Ward	Gloria Saltares
R.C. Molina	Pablita Baez	Zulma Santos	Jacqueline Collazo
Parkside	Edward Leftwich	Theresa Shields	Vicki McCrae
Powell	Michelle Freeland	Clara DeJesus	N/A
Sharp	Alondra Borrell	Doretta Okpor	Lizbeth Cortes
Sumner	T'Asia Brooks	Denise Levine	Laura Rios
Washington	Idalis Herrera	Millie Walter	Janet Laboy
Whittier	Aynye Jones	Sylvia Cosby	Dawn Harriot
Wiggins	Malierys Perez	Miriam Osario	Olga Hernandez
H.B. Wilson	Chaly Martinez	Senor Kenyon	Pauline Bey
Yorkship	Genesis Fitch	Laura Puma	Diane Brittingham

MIDDLE SCHOOL	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH	VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
East Camden	Juan Franco	Gwendolyn Warren	Gloria Dredden
Hatch	Latina Gaines	Ben White	Doreen Sooman
Morgan Village	Lashoniar Tatem	Barbara Washington	William Blackwell
Pyne Poynt	Bryana Freeland	Charlette Granger	Mary Rodriguez
South Camden Alternative	Enrique Rodriguez	Victor Crespo	Eloise Reynolds
Veterans	Dachaira Marquez	Alfred Bentley	Heather Fennell
HIGH SCHOOL	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH	VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
Camden High	Arron Menoken	Curtis Surratt	Sharon Robinson
Creative Arts	Joseph Streater	Catherine Johnson	Delia Brown
Medical Arts	Jelissa Womack	Dr. Charles E. Lewis	Ryan Smith
MetEast	Angelo Drummond	Jennifer Ghidiu	Gwen Watson
Woodrow Wilson	Grace Reddick	Tongi Turner	Ms. Pugh