

# RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Randolph Learning Community,

With 2016 coming to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share some accomplishments of our Randolph community and to send wishes for a happy holiday season and safe winter.

Board members, administrators, and teachers have spent a great deal of time in 2016 working together to enhance our learning environments, collect and review progress data, excite students about content, and to empower them to pursue their passions and interests. We intend for this work to lead to the addition of new programs for students and to strengthen successful programs already in place in our school district. In addition to the monitoring of our instructional programs, district administrators continue to work in focus groups to research best practices relating to each of the four district goals that were established this summer. Teachers have been attending professional development programs and working with our district instructional coaches to do what they do best—create powerful learning experiences for every child. It has already been a very productive school year, and we are looking forward to what we can all accomplish this winter and spring.

This fall we celebrated many student accomplishments outside of the formal academic setting. The accomplishments of the students within our visual and performing arts department were, once again, nothing short of impressive. Students entertained spectators, represented the district on national television, performed beautifully for audiences, and traveled to compete and share highlights of our exceptional music and art programs. Our athletic programs serve as another example of student excellence outside of the classroom. Individual athletes and teams were strong competitors, and Randolph was fortunate to have so many athletes and teams achieving personal bests, breaking records, and winning championships. Most impressively, our Randolph student athletes represent the district as exemplars of sportsmanship and we are proud of them. It was a very special honor to have our boys' soccer program recognized by Morris County for their 2016 team, coach, and player of the year.

In academics, our district and talented teachers continue to shine. This year, 88 students were recognized by the College Board as being Advanced Placement Scholars and more students took at least one AP exam this year than in any previous year. Students benefited from a wide range of courses and programs offered in our six buildings, like LATI classrooms in elementary schools, innovative cycle courses at the middle school, and the prestigious Advanced Placement [Capstone](#)

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program at the high school. Our teachers and administrators continue to find ways to excite students about learning. One such program that deserves to be highlighted is an after school, project-based learning experience called [TREPS](#) for elementary students. This entrepreneur education program encourages students to develop their own products and get them to market where they can be purchased by customers. I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for these student-created marketplaces in the months ahead. You are sure to be fascinated by the ideas, skills, and creations of some of our young learners.

Some capital improvement projects were completed or started this past year as well. I am thrilled about the completion of the new high school culinary arts and transition program classrooms which officially opened in October. They both have exceeded expectations in terms of the opportunities they afford our programs and students. This winter you may also notice a new district maintenance building, located on Millbrook Avenue as you enter the high school campus, being constructed. This building is expected to be finished soon and is the final project from the previous referendum.

Board of Education members and administrators have already begun working to develop a budget for the next school year with the goal of giving our students as much access to innovative and successful programs as possible. As always, we will look for cost effective ways to continue program enhancements and facility improvements throughout our district. The district's initial budget is scheduled to be presented in March with the final budget presented to the public in April.

I extend my appreciation for the partnership among all members of our learning community and wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2017. I feel incredibly fortunate to work in a school district like Randolph that has such supportive partners. As always, we will look for ways to support each child enrolled in our school district and to continue to make Randolph Township Schools a premier school district in the state.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Fano