



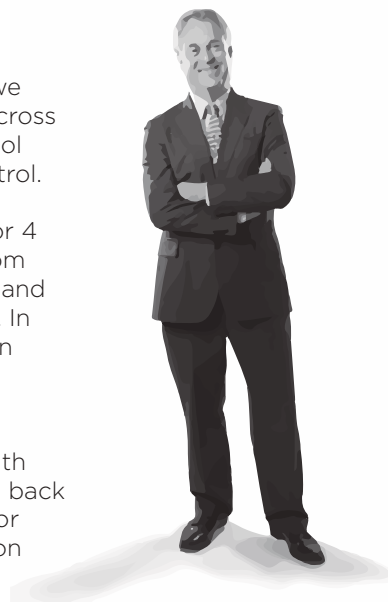
SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Wecome Back! Our School Year is Off to a Great Start

Dear Friends – September started off full of exciting news at Newark Public Schools; we came off of a great graduation rate with our students being admitted to top colleges across the country, students have scored high on our PARCC scores, we had a successful school opening day and the transition has begun to return Newark Public Schools to local control.

Nearly 2,000 students graduated high school with nearly 75% of them attending a 2 or 4 year college or university; 71 students graduated high school with associate degrees from Essex County College and Bard College, **7 students are attending Ivy League** colleges and **52 are joining the Armed Services**. I am proud of our students and their achievements. In addition, our students received nearly **\$16 million in scholarships**. This year's increase in PARCC scores reflects a marked increase **up nearly 9% in 2 years** in ELA and **up 5% in Math**. Our scores favored well in similar districts in NJ and nationally.

In addition, on the first day of school we celebrated the success of our students, and with members of the Board and Mayor Baraka, we began to discuss the transitioning of NPS back to local control. Finally, on September 12, we applauded the State Board of Education for their vote to pass 2 resolutions to return NPS back to local control, following the creation and completion of a transition plan. The 2017-2018 school year promises to be an exciting one for our students, teachers and administrators.



MORE NEWS



VH1 Save the Music Foundation Delivers First 35 of 250 Instruments

The VH1 STMF delivered 35 instruments to students at **Camden Street School** in September. Seven other schools will receive instruments as well – **Belmont Runyon, BRICK Avon** and **BRICK Peshine Academies, Rafael Hernandez School of Performing Arts, Ridge Street** and **South Street School** will each receive instruments. Joining in the kickoff was singer and actor from The New Edition Movie, Algee Smith, members of the board and Margaret El, Special Assistant to the Arts.

IMPORTANT DATES

9/27	Early Dismissal
9/28	Believe in Healthy Newark, NJIF
9/30	Historically Black College and University Fair - Irvington H.S.
9/30	FAFSA Fall Kickoff - NJIT
9/30	Young Entrepreneurs Kickoff - Rutgers
10/4 & 10/11	Parents as Partners Institute - Spencer/Miller School
10/7	Know Your Rights - Barringer H.S.
10/11	Title I Planning Committee Meeting - Technology H.S.
10/12	Hispanic Heritage Family Festival - The Waterfront

ON THE NATIONAL FRONT

Superintendent Cerf Condemns the Rollback of the DACA Program

Supt. Cerf said, "Rolling back DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Program has the potential to cruelly upend the lives of 800,000 people, including our students and colleagues. This past spring, the Superintendent shared a letter assuring all undocumented families that their right to education in Newark would not be affected by recent political events. To learn more, NPS will hold a seminar, "Know Your Rights" on October 5 at **Barringer High School**.

MORE ON THE REVERSE



HEALTHY SCHOOLS



The Newark Yoga Movement is helping NPS administrators, teachers, students and parents create calm, healing environments to contribute to a more productive and effective learning environment.

77%

Newark has also seen consistent improvement in graduation rates. 73.5% of students graduated in the 15-16 year, and this figure is expected to rise to around 77% for the 2016-17 school year.



The 2016-17 graduating class also saw more Newark students matriculating to the country's most competitive colleges, with students receiving full scholarships to places like Harvard, Princeton, Rutgers, and other elite schools.

IN THE NEWS



NPS Unveils First Wheelchair Lift Bus Service for Students

September 20, 2017 - Newark Public Schools (NPS) recently unveiled their first wheelchair bus service for student transportation at the **John F. Kennedy School**. The wheelchair lift bus will allow students needing wheelchair access the ability to use district sponsored transportation to and from school. Students using the wheelchair lift bus will now have greater access to programs and services offered by NPS; including school sponsored field trips, transportation to job training, and learning life skills from community visits.

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Where is your high school playing and when? Now you can find out by selecting "Choose a Sports Calendar..." on this Page:

SPORTS CALENDAR



<http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/district-calendar>

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