

OPENING CALENDAR

January 20, 2011

PUBLIC SESSION

PERFORMANCES

Invocation

Francisco González

Presentation of the Colors

Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Brittany Janelle Hamilton, 8th Grade Student Madison Monroe School No. 16

Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key

Stephanie R. Silva, 12th Grade Student, Halsey Leadership Academy

Pledge of Ethics

Dacialice Bartra, 7th Grade Student, Madison Monroe School No. 16

Core Beliefs – Video

PERFORMANCES

“Glitter in the Air” written by Alecia Moore

Performed by Jennifer R. Silva, 8th Grade Student, Madison Monroe School No. 16

“Stand by Me” written by Ben E. King

Performed by the Madison Monroe School No. 16 Middle School Chorus

PRESENTATION

Student Excellence:

Superintendent’s Honor Roll and Principal’s Honor Roll 1st Marking Period

Through the New Jersey Devils’ Student Honor Roll Program, 11th and 12th grade students who achieved Honor/High Honor Roll status in the first marking period of this school year will each receive a voucher for two tickets to attend a New Jersey Devils’ home game. Two student representatives from each of our six high schools will accept on behalf of their high school.

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| • Kyle Valente | Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy |
| • Vikas Javed | Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy |
| • Katherine Rodriguez | John E. Dwyer Technology Academy |
| • Jorge Martinez | John E. Dwyer Technology Academy |
| • Gerardo Trueba | Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy |
| • Yenis Rivera | Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy |
| • Jatirah Diggs | Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy |
| • Christian Charria | Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy |
| • Paloma Andrade | Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy |
| • Jasmine Montes | Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy |
| • Katerin Sorto | Elizabeth High School |
| • Jason Gregory | Elizabeth High School |

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

School Board Recognition Month – Board Member Appreciation Plaques for their dedicated service to the Elizabeth Public Schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the following recommendations.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Recommended: That the following requests for leave of absence be granted, **with pay**, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written. **Subject to correction of errors**

Instructional Department**Certified Staff**

Louis Alt, Teacher-English (No. 2723), Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy – effective October 25, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Karen Canton-Malet, Teacher-Seventh & Eighth Grade (English) (No. 23), School No. 6 effective February 8, 2011 through February 28, 2011.

Christina De Sousa Simoes, Teacher-Pre-Kindergarten (No. 2131), School No. 29 – effective January 18, 2011 through February 15, 2011.

Susan Galvez, Teacher-Second Grade (No. 4411), School No. 14 – effective November 8, 2010 through November 21, 2010.

Susan Galvez, Teacher-Second Grade (No. 4411), School No. 14 – effective December 2, 2010 through January 9, 2011.

Theresa S. Guevara, Social Worker (No. 447), School No. 1 – effective November 29, 2010 through January 3, 2011.

Tina Guiducci, Teacher-Fifth Grade (No. 1799), School No. 19 – effective December 16, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Deborah Ladym, Teacher-Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade (Science), School No. 14 – effective November 29, 2011 through January 6, 2011.

Deborah Marie Leff, Guidance Counselor (No. 1353), School No. 2 – effective November 9, 2010 through January 14, 2011.

Julia Lehman, Teacher-Second Grade (No. 2677), School No. 26 – effective November 8, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

Joanna Martinez, Teacher-Cognitive Moderate (No. 1328), Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., Leadership Academy – effective April 26, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Karen Pajak, Teacher-Pre-Kindergarten (No. 3048), School No. 23 – effective March 7, 2011 through April 30, 2011.

Jennifer Pizzichillo, Teacher-Tutor (No. 3132), School No. 1 – effective January 31, 2011 through March 31, 2011.

Ana G. Rodriguez, Teacher-ESL in Class Support (No. 3427), School No. 6 – effective January 3, 2011 through February 28, 2011.

Samantha Rolfs, Teacher- Resource Center (No. 1515), School No. 6 – effective May 2, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Melissa Velovic, Teacher-Learning/Language Disabilities (No. 1253), School No. 14 – effective April 1, 2011 through June 8, 2011.

Support Staff- Administrative Secretary I-10.5

Irene C. Mendonca, Administrative Secretary I-10.5 (No. 702), School No. 29 – effective January 3, 2011 through January 6, 2011.

Support Staff- Secretary I-12

Patricia Damelio, Secretary I-12 (No. 3892), School No. 4 – effective November 12, 2010 through December 17, 2010.

Support Staff- Child Development Associate

Joel Arisso, Child Development Associate (No. 2452), School No. 7 – effective January 3, 2011 through January 17, 2011.

Support Staff-Assistant

Donna Baumann, Assistant-Personal (No. 3775), John E. Dwyer Technology Academy – effective January 4, 2011 through January 11, 2011.

Recommended: That the following requests for leave of absence be granted, **without pay**, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written.

Instructional Department

Certified Staff

Natalie Berube, Teacher-Third Grade (No. 2025), School No. 30 – effective January 1, 2011 through February 15, 2011.

Karen Canton-Malet, Teacher-Seventh & Eighth Grade (English) (No. 23), School No. 6 – effective March 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011.

Christina De Sousa Simoes, Teacher-Pre-Kindergarten (No. 2131), School No. 29 – effective February 16, 2011 through April 30, 2011.

Deborah Ladym, Teacher-Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade (Science), School No. 14 – effective January 7, 2011 through February 4, 2011.

Julia Lehman, Teacher-Second Grade (No. 2677), School No. 26 – effective January 1, 2011 through February 13, 2011.

Karen Pajak, Teacher-Pre-Kindergarten (No. 3048), School No. 23 – effective May 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Jennifer Pizzichillo, Teacher-Tutor (No. 3132), School No. 1 – effective April 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Leslie Ann Ramos, Teacher-Kindergarten (No. 3960), School No. 2 – effective March 1, 2011 through April 8, 2011.

Melissa Velovic, Teacher-Learning/Language Disabilities (No. 1253), School No. 14 – effective June 9, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Support Staff- Administrative Secretary I-10.5

Irene C. Mendonca, Administrative Secretary I-10.5 (No. 702), School No. 29 – effective January 7, 2011 through April 1, 2011.

Support Staff-Assistant

Donna Baumann, Assistant-Personal (No. 3775), John E. Dwyer Technology Academy – effective January 13, 2011 through January 14, 2011.

Business Office**Food Service 6 Hours Worker**

Rosa Canha, Food Service 6 Hours (No. 2093), School No. 26 – effective January 18, 2011 through March 7, 2011.

RESCIND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Recommended: That the following request to rescind a leave of absence, be granted, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written.

Charles Rosen, Library/Media Specialist (No. 3028), School No. 13 – effective December 16, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Recommended: That the following requests for extension of leave of absence be granted, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written.

Instructional Department**Certified Staff**

Louis Alt, Teacher-English (No. 2723), Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy – effective January 3, 2011 through January 31, 2011.

Linda Castaneda, Administrative Secretary I-12 Months (No. 693), Welcome Center – effective January 17, 2011 through April 17, 2011.

Kate Di Fonzo, Teacher-Music (No. 996), School No. 29 – effective January 3, 2011 through January 31, 2011.

Karen Glover, Guidance Counselor (No. 2949), Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy – effective December 17, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Carol Kowalski, Teacher-Instructional Coach (LAL) (No. 3432), School No. 5 – effective January 3, 2011 through February 8, 2011.

Carol Kowalski, Teacher-Instructional Coach (LAL) (No. 3432), School No. 5 – effective February 9, 2011 through March 20, 2011.

Nicole Lemoine, Teacher-Dance (No. 3216), Elizabeth High School (U) – effective February 14, 2011 through March 15, 2011.

Yadira Quinones, Teacher-Second Grade (No. 4360), School No. 5 – effective January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011.

Support Staff: Assistant-Personal

Rita Perrone, Assistant-Personal (No. 4486), School No. 27 – effective January 3, 2011 through January 14, 2011.

Rita Perrone, Assistant-Personal (No. 4486), School No. 27 – effective January 18, 2011 through May 10, 2011.

Business Office

Custodian

Sonia Gonzalez, Custodian (No. 3712), Plant & Property – effective January 14, 2011 through February 14, 2011.

Bus Driver Utility Person

Judy Quin, Bus Driver Utility Person (No. 4090), 95 Warehouse – effective February 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011.

RETURNING FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Recommended: That the following assignment of personnel returning from leave of absence be made, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written.

Instructional Department

Certified Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dorian Castro	Teacher-Pre-Kindergarten (No. 4439) School No. 27 Account No. 20-218-100-101-27-02	\$54,178	2/14/11
Kate Di Fonzo	Teacher-Music (No. 996) School No. 29 Account No. 15-120-100-101-29-00-20	\$68,838	2/1/11

Susan Galvez	Teacher-Second Grade (No. 4411) School No. 14 Account No. 15-120-100-101-14-00	\$86,394	11/22/10
Susan Galvez	Teacher-Second Grade (No. 4411) School No. 14 Account No. 15-120-100-101-14-00	\$86,394	1/10/11
Karen Glover	Guidance Counselor (No. 2949) Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy Account No. 15-000-218-104-84-00	\$104,116	1/3/11
Theresa S. Guevara	Social Worker (No. 447) Division of Elementary & Secondary Education Account No. 15-000-211-100-01-00-25	\$77,515	1/4/11
Tina Guiducci	Teacher-Fifth Grade (No. 1799) School No. 19 Account No. 15-120-100-101-19-00	\$70,468	1/3/11
Deborah Ladym	Teacher-Sixth, Seventh & Eighth (Science) (No. 2358) School No. 14 Account No. 15-130-100-101-14-00	\$66,768	2/7/11
Deborah Marie Leff	Guidance Counselor (No. 1353) School No. 2 Account No. 15-000-218-104-02-00	\$110,384	1/18/11
Julia Lehman	Teacher-Second Grade (No. 2677) School No. 26 Account No. 15-120-100-101-26-00	\$79,059	2/14/11

Arianna Matos	Teacher- Social Studies (No. 1407) Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy Account No. 15-140-100-101-83-00	\$57,878	2/1/11
Yadira Quinones	Teacher-Second Grade (No. 4360) School No. 5 Account No. 15-120-100-101-05-00	\$72,383	2/1/11

Support Staff: Secretary I-12

Name	Assignment	Salary	Date
Patricia Damelio	Secretary I-12 (No. 3892) School No. 4 Account No. 15-000-240-105-04-00	\$50,525	12/20/10

Support Staff- Assistant-Personal

Name	Assignment	Salary	Date
Donna Baumann	Assistant-Personal (No. 3775) John E. Dwyer Technology Academy Account No. 11-000-217-106-00-00	\$38,509	1/18/11

Support Staff- Assistant Learning/Language Disabilities

Name	Assignment	Salary	Date
Dana Walker	Assistant-Learning/ Language Disabilities (No. 2639) School No. 29 Account No. 15-204-100-106-29-00	\$41,159	1/3/11

Support Staff: Child Development Associate

Name	Assignment	Salary	Date
Joel Arisso	Child Development Associate (No. 2452) School No. 7 Account No. 20-218-100-106-07-02	\$33,235	1/18/11

Business OfficeAccountant

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gelcys Fernandez Del Cueto	Accountant (No. 3281) Business Office Account No. 11-000-251-104-00-00	\$69,680	1/18/11

RETIREMENTS

Recommended: That the following notices of retirement be accepted, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written.

Instructional DepartmentCertified Staff

Alejandro Murias, Teacher-World Language (Spanish) (No. 4276), Elizabeth High School (U) – effective July 1, 2011.

Carmen Vielba Murias, Teacher-World Language (Spanish) (No. 2851), School No. 30 – effective July 1, 2011.

Tina Padas-Mavroudis, Teacher-Music (No. 2627), School No. 23 Annex – effective January 1, 2011.

Clifton Winfield, Teacher-Seventh & Eighth Grade (Social Studies) (No. 1481), School No. 20 – effective January 1, 2011.

RESIGNATIONS

Recommended: That the following notices of resignation be accepted, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written.

Business OfficeAccountant

Francis J. Schmid, Accountant (No. 423), Business Office/ 94 Mitchell Building – effective January 14, 2011.

Associate Counsel

Nicole S. Morgan, Associate Counsel (No. 2068), Legal Department - 94 Mitchell – effective January 17, 2011.

TERMINATION

Recommended: That the following personnel be termination, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written.

Instructional DepartmentCertified Staff

Panachali Roy, Teacher-Science (No. 3547), Elizabeth High School (U) – effective January 17, 2011.

APPOINTMENTS

Recommended: That the following appointments of personnel be made, during the pleasure of the Board, from September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, as below written.

Subject to correction of errors**Instructional Department**Certified Staff

Anthony M. DeRosa, Jr., graduate of Kean University (B.A. 2010). Teacher-Resource Center (No. 63), William F. Halloran School No. 22 @ 31. Certificate: Teacher of Students with Disabilities-CEAS (advance standing). Salary: \$58, 083 step 1, effective January 24, 2011.
Account No. 15-213-100-101-22-00

Support Staff: Assistants Kindergarten

Desirae McNeil, graduate of Elizabeth High School (High School Diploma 2002). Assistant Kindergarten (No. 598), Toussaint L'Ouverture-Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6. Salary: \$35,573 step 4, effective January 24, 2011.
Account No. 15-190-100-106-06-01

Support Staff: Assistants Personal

Lucia I. Zapata, graduate of Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (B.A 1987). Assistant-Personal (No. 4532), Frances C. Smith School No. 50. Salary: \$31,126 step 1, effective January 24, 2011.
Account No. 11-000-217-106-00-00

Support Staff: Assistants Child Development Associate

Jeannette Colon, graduate of Irvington Adult High School (High School Diploma 2008). Assistant Child Development Associate (No. 642), Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5-B. Certificate: Child Development Associate. Salary: \$32,808 step 1, effective January 21, 2011.
Account No. 20-218-100-106-05-02-02

Business OfficeData Analyst

Wellington R. Gonzalez, graduate of New Jersey's Science & Technology University (BA 2002). Data Analyst (No. 258), Division of Research, Evaluation and Assessments. Salary: \$57,151, effective February 7, 2011.
Account No. 20-232-100-100-00-00

TRANSFERS

Recommended: That the following transfers of personnel be made, during the pleasure of the Board, as below written.

Instructional DepartmentCertified Staff

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dayna Gil-Morais	Administrative Secretary II-12 Months (No. 4492) School No. 7	Guidance Counselor 11 Months (No. 2326) Elizabeth High School (U) Salary: \$66,503(Promotion) Account No. 15-000-218-104-89-00	1/24/11
Carson Steltz	Teacher-Fifth Grade (No. 18) School No. 5	Teacher-Seventh & Eighth Grade (Mathematics) (No. 3363) School No. 30 Account No. 15-130-100-101-30-00	1/3/11

Nurse

Name	From	To	Date
Joanne Madeline	Registered Nurse (No. 2912) Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy	School Nurse Non- Instructional (No. 2912) Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy Salary: \$68,768 Account No. 15-000-213-100-83-00	11/1/10-6/30/11

CORRECTION OF SALARIES

Recommended: That the salary of the following personnel be corrected, during the pleasure of the Board.

Instructional DepartmentSupport Staff: Assistant-Personal

Patricia Allen	Assistant-Personal (No. 156) School No. 2	\$35,573 instead of \$34,294 effective 9/1/10
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ADDITIONAL SERVICES**Division of Elementary and Secondary Education**

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed as chaperones to accompany 25 high school students participating in the *Project Ruby Program* at Rutgers University School of Business, New Brunswick, NJ on Thursday, December 9, 2010 and Thursday December 16, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours per person. Total \$817.40
Account No. 11-000-218-104-00-83

Wendy L. Maravi Janice M. Sutton

Substitute:

Hector J. Munoz

Reading Intervention- Spell Read and Kaplan Programs**Various Schools**

Recommended: That the following teachers be employed to work the Spell, Read & Kaplan Intervention Programs to provide intervention services to students in need beginning November 8, 2010 through June 17, 2011 Monday through Friday, 3:05 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. or 3:50 to 4:50 p.m. instructional time with 4:50 to 5:20 planning time.

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 300 hours per person. Total \$98,088.00
Account No. 20-460-100-100-00-03

Chihui Seo Alfaro
Maryann Christian
Diana Mendez

Jodi Bonacci
Ivette L. Figueroa
Carol Valla

Celeste Brennan
Jennifer King

Substitute:
Chad Donahue

Title I Funded-After School Tutoring/Enrichment Program**Elizabeth High School**

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed as Administrator in the Title I After School Tutorial/Enrichment Program, 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., January 10, 2011 through June 30, 2011, Substitutes will be retained on a “per needs” basis.

Administrator: Salary: \$39.22 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours per person. Total \$1,961.00
Account No. 20-232-200-100-89-00

Michael Cummings

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed as Teachers in the Title I After School Tutorial/Enrichment Program, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., January 10, 2011 through June 30, 2011, Substitutes will be retained on a “per needs” basis.

Lower Academy

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours per person. Total \$8,174.00
Account No. 20-232-100-100-89-00 (Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Anita Champagne (Social Studies)
Mary Jankowski (English)

Ebrahim Haddad (Mathematics)
Lovely Pappachen (Science)

Upper Academy

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours per person. Total \$8,174.00

Account No. 20-232-100-100-89-00 (Monday & Wednesday 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Abraham Ahn (Mathematics)

Anila Eugene- (Science)

Charlene Tracy (English)

Christopher R. Van Vliet- (Social Studies)

Department of Special Services

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed to serve on a planning committee for the Saturday Reading Clinic for Struggling Readers in Grades K to 3 from December 3, 2010 to December 22, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to 8: 00 a.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours per person. Total \$1,226.10

Account No. 20-460-100-100-00-03 (Reading Specialist)

Chihui Seo Alfaro

Gina Candelfmo-Acocella

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours per person. Total \$1,226.10

Account No. 20-460-200-100-00-03 (Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants)

Jodi Bonacci

Jennifer King

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed to provide additional speech-language services to bilingual preschool students from 3:05 p.m. to 4:35 p.m., Monday through Friday from December 17, 2010 to May 30, 2011.

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 85 hours per person. Total \$3,473.95

Account No. 20-460-200-100-00-00

Daniel Gil

Recommended: That the following personnel serve on the planning committee for the Saturday Reading/Math Clinic for Students with IEP's in grades 1-8, from December 17, 2010 to January 7, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Special Education Teachers

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours per person. Total \$1,226.10

Account No. 20-460-100-100-00-00

Jamie Jackson

Kathleen Kranick

Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultants

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 15 hours per person. Total \$613.05
Account No. 20-460-200-100-00-00

Marian O'Leary

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed to provide direct instruction in reading to students with Individualized Education Program (IEP's) in grades 4 through 8, December 20, 2010 through May 30, 2011 Monday through Friday 3:05 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 125 hours per person. Total \$5,108.75
Account No. 20-460-100-100-00-00

Gina Candello-Acocella

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed to deliver reading and / or math instruction for the Saturday Reading / Math Clinic for students with IEP's in Grades 1-8 from January 8, 2011 through May 21, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Special Education Teachers

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 64 hours per person. Total \$13,078.40
Account No. 20-460-100-100-00-00

Mary Ann Califano
Kathleen Kranick

Erena Campos
Pratibha Malhotra

Jamie Jackson

Substitute:
Diane Wilson

LDT-C and Speech Language Specialist

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 64 hours per person. Total \$5,231.46
Account No. 20-460-200-100-00-00

Marian O'Leary

Megan O'Leary

Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed to work the AHSA program at Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy as follows, November 29, 2010 through December 20, 2010, 2:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays, December 4, 2010 through December 20, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 76 hours per person. Total \$3,106.12
Account No. 15-140-100-101-84-83

Donald Steup

AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed in the **After School Academic Program**, October 12, 2010 through June 2, 2011, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
(Subject to funding and sufficient and continuing enrollment.)

Recommended: Hours for After School Program:

Instructional Time:	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
	3:05 pm-4:05 pm
Planning Time:	4:05 pm-4:35 pm (not to exceed 1/2 hour per week)
Administrators' Hours:	3:35 pm-4:35 pm
Nurses Hours:	3:05 pm-4:05 pm
Extended Day Schools:	
Instructional Time:	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
	3:50 pm-4:50 pm
Planning Time:	4:50 pm-5:20 pm (not to exceed 1/2 hour per week)
Administrators' Hours:	4:20 pm-5:20 pm
Nurses Hours:	3:50 pm-4:50 pm

George Washington School No. 1

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-01-83

Substitute:
Wanda Rivera

Nicholas S. LaCorte Peterstown School No. 3

Administrator: Salary: \$39.22 per hour, not to exceed 100 hours per person. Total \$3,922.00
Account No. 11-421-200-101-03-83

Jennifer A. Campel

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person. Total \$5,313.10
Account No. 11-421-100-101-03-83

Geraldine Calhoun

Elmora School No. 12

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-12-83

Substitutes:

Dayna De Peralta

Anne Gaczynski

Benjamin Pribish

Ilona Sekiewicz

Marilyn Tavormina

Marie Tichenor

Alina Vazquez

Kia Whitley

Benjamin Franklin School No. 13

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-13-83

Substitute:

Nicole M. Pepe

Abraham Lincoln School No. 14

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-14-83

Substitutes:

Vincent Giuliano

James Villarino

Madison-Monroe School No. 16

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.

Account No. 11-421-100-101-16-83

Substitute:

Joseph Catena

Robert Morris School No. 18

Administrator: Salary: \$39.22 per hour, not to exceed 100 hours per person. Total \$3,922.00

Account No. 11-421-200-101-18-83

Melissa Leite

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.

Account No. 11-421-100-101-18-83

Substitutes:

Roslyn F. Casso	Edyta Cosgrove	Thomas Coyle
Keith DePre	Danielle Doyle	Elizabeth L. Dressler
Annette Furnback	Marla J. Gleuck	Lance Grahl
Lena Imbornone	Dmitri Kochtcheev	Anthony Leone
Michele Lourenco	Jeannette Martinez	Diana Mendez
Jorge Pavon	Marylou Romano	Zainab Salaam
Wanda V. Sizemore-McRae	Christine Wawer	

Woodrow Wilson School No. 19

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.

Account No. 11-421-100-101-19-83

Substitutes:

Paula Alarcon-Loiza	Harriet Arvanetes	Sara Berger
John Bonner	Caroline Hart Brindley	Carol Cierpial
Barbara Cohen	Jodie Craft	Lora Cuiffo
Gina Dalton	Nulfa Daza	Deborah Dennis
Barbara Escalante	Kimberly Marie Fahey	Ellen Goldblatt
Lauren Goodman	Susan Hochman	Natalie Jefferson
Jeanine Kachersky	Tina M. Labadessa	Eulalia Matos-Pedro
Lonnie Mc Guire	Richard Mc Laughlin	Irene Melachrinis
Gilbert T. Olsen II	Hilda Perez	Nancy Powers-Clifton
Susan Schwefringhaus	Kenneth Von Bischoffshaus	Pavel Zarukin

Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30

Administrator: Salary: \$39.22 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-200-101-30-83

Substitute:
Shante Gilmore-Rorie

AFTER SCHOOL VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed in the **After School Visual & Performing Arts Program** on Mondays and Fridays from October 8, 2010 through June 3, 2011, (Subject to funding and sufficient and continuing enrollment.)

After School Arts Institute:

Instructional Time:	Monday and Friday 3:05 pm-4:05 pm
Planning Time:	4:05 pm-4:35 pm (not to exceed 1/2 hour per week)
Administrators' Hours:	3:35 pm-4:35 pm
Nurses Hours:	3:05 pm-4:05 pm
Extended Day Schools:	
Instructional Time:	Monday and Friday 3:50 pm-4:50 pm
Planning Time:	4:50 pm-5:20 pm (not to exceed 1/2 hour per week)
Administrators' Hours:	4:15 pm-5:15 pm
Nurses Hours:	3:50 pm-4:50 pm

George Washington School No. 1

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-01-85

Substitute:
Wanda Rivera

Nicholas S. LaCorte Peterstown School No. 3

Administrator: Salary: \$39.22 per hour, not to exceed 100 hours per person. Total \$3,922.00
Account No. 11-421-200-101-03-85

Jennifer A. Campel

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person. Total \$5,313.10
Account No. 11-421-100-101-03-85

Geraldine Calhoun

Elmora School No. 12

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-12-85

Substitutes:

Dayna De Peralta
Shelley Gallego

Joan Finkelstein
Benjamin Pribish

Anne Gaczynski
Paul G. Rao

Abraham Lincoln School No. 14

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-14-85

Substitutes:

Vincent Giuliano

James Villarino

Christopher Columbus School No. 15

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-15-85

Substitute:

Oscar Crespo, Jr.

Madison-Monroe School No. 16

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-16-85

Substitute:

Joseph Catena

Robert Morris School No. 18

Administrator: Salary: \$39.22 per hour, not to exceed 100 hours per person. Total \$3,922.00
Account No. 11-421-200-101-18-85

Melissa Leite

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-18-85

Substitutes:

Ali B. Abdul-Malik	Roslyn F. Casso	Edyta Cosgrove
Thomas Coyle	Keith DePre	Danielle Doyle
Elizabeth L. Dressler	Ellen Fazekas	Maria Fuentes
Annette Furnback	Marla J. Gleuck	Lance Grahl
Maria Vita Guiducci	Lena Imbornone	Donna Johnson-Reid
Dmitri Kochtcheev	Anthony Leone	Michele Lourenco
Jeannette Martinez	Lynette Palmieri	Isabel A. Rodriguez
Zainab Salaam	Wanda V. Sizemore-McRae	Doreen Stromko

Woodrow Wilson School No. 19

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-19-85

Substitutes:

Paula Alarcon-Loiza	Harriet Arvanetes	Sara Berger
John Bonner	Caroline Hart Brindley	Carol Cierpial
Barbara Cohen	Jodie Craft	Lora Cuiffo
Gina Dalton	Nulfa Daza	Deborah Dennis
Barbara Escalante	Kimberly Marie Fahey	Ellen Goldblatt
Lauren Goodman	Susan Hochman	Natalie Jefferson
Jeanine Kachersky	Tina M. Labadessa	Eulalia Matos-Pedro
Lonnie Mc Guire	Richard Mc Laughlin	Irene Melachrinis
Gilbert T. Olsen II	Hilda Perez	Nancy Powers-Clifton
Susan Schwefringhaus	Kenneth Von Bischoffshaus	Pavel Zarukin

Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-100-101-26-85

Michelle Climent

Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30

Teachers: Salary: \$39.22 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person.
Account No. 11-421-200-101-30-85

Substitute Administrator:
Shante Gilmore-Rorie

AFTER SCHOOL READ 180- PROGRAM

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed in the READ 180 Program as follows subject to funding and sufficient and continuing enrollment.

Madison-Monroe School No. 16

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed in the Read 180 Program from October 25, 2010 through March 31, 2011, Monday through Friday from 3:05 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.

Teacher: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 100 hours per person Total: \$8,174.00
Account No. 20-232-100-100-00-07

Substitute:
Joseph Catena

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed as athletic support personnel for the 2010-2011 Interscholastic Athletics Program, varied days and hours, December 17, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Name	Position	Salary
Juan Comesana, Jr.	Security Guard	(1 Game) \$50.00
Julio Alberty Padilla	Security Guard	(1 Game) \$50.00

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed as athletic support personnel for the 2010-2011 Interscholastic Athletics Program, varied days and hours January 21, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Name	Position	Salary
Jonathan Green, Jr.	Security Guard	(1 Game) \$50.00

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Recommended: That the following personnel be employed in the Breakfast/Lunch Program for the 2010-2011 school year. Salary: \$ 40.87 per hour, not to exceed 180 hours, as below written.

Juan Pablo Duarte – Jose Julian Marti School No. 28**Breakfast**

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person

Account No. 50-910-310-100-28-84 (7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.)

Substitutes:

Diosa Alvelaez Alexandre Anichtchenko Barbara L. Nutt-Fahoury

Lunch

Teachers: Salary: \$40.87 per hour, not to exceed 130 hours per person

Account No. 50-910-310-100-28-84

Substitutes:

Diosa Alvelaez Alexandre Anichtchenko Barbara L. Nutt-Fahoury

CHANGE OF NAMES

Recommended: That the following change of names be received, as below written.

Clara Alzate, Assistant-Kindergarten, School No. 4 **to Clara Ines Noriega**

Sonia Camacho, Security Guard, School No. 23 **to Sonia Chaux**

Jessica Freeland, Teacher World Language (Latin), Elizabeth High School (Upper) **to Jessica Louise McDonough**

Jhenny Madrid, Assistant-Personal, School No. 7 **to Jhenny Arias**

Jessica Morais, Teacher-Seventh Grade (social studies), 22 @ 31 **to Jessica A. Mayo**

OFFICIAL LIST OF DAILY SUBSTITUTES

Recommended: That the Official List of Daily Substitutes, as filed in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, be employed for the 2010-2011 school year as needed.

Subject to correction of errors

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Tuitions Report
Elizabeth, N.J.
January 20, 2011

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the following:

1. That tuition be paid for students for the 2010-2011 school year, as filed in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
2. That payment of tuition for students, as filed in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, be and is hereby rescinded.

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Superintendent's Report
January 20, 2011

1. Excellence News



EXCELLENCE NEWS

Celebrating Excellence in Elizabeth Public Schools

Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ

January 20, 2011

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." – Walt Disney

Principal Thelma C. Hurd Retires After 51 Years of Service



After 51 years of service, Dr. Thelma C. Hurd officially retired as principal of John Marshall School No. 20 effective January 1, 2011. During her time at Elizabeth Public Schools, Hurd's philosophy on education and strict adherence to the rules established her as one of the most celebrated educators in the district.

"She is the soul of not only this school, but the city of Elizabeth," said Fred Flowers, a fifth-grade teacher who has worked at John Marshall School No. 20 for ten years and was raised just a few blocks away.

Hurd earned a doctorate in Educational Administration, is a successful real estate investor and owns homes in Martha's Vineyard and the Poconos. However, her greatest achievement has been her tremendous impact on the lives of Elizabeth Public Schools' students and team members at School No. 20. Hurd commented, "When I

started at John Marshall School No. 20, the school needed a lot of work. I immediately ordered the janitorial staff to work long days until the building was clean and told teachers that anyone who didn't help students succeed would be fired."

Hurd's strict educational philosophy resulted in her students testing at or above state averages in most categories on state assessments and exceptional student attendance rates. Hurd stated, "Environment is not an excuse for children not learning. If you spend your waking hours in this building, you will be educated."

Superintendent of Schools Pablo Munoz stated, "I heard her say when she became principal, she wanted to create a prep-school caliber environment for her students. The record shows that she has. Dr. Thelma C. Hurd has exhibited dedication and commitment to the students of Elizabeth and worked tirelessly to ensure that they received excellent educational experiences and services. She will be greatly missed by all."

On her last day of work, Hurd smiled across her desk and shared her secret for success in education, "I believe all children can learn because they are bright." She affectionately commented, "I know what's between their ears – a healthy brain."

More Excellent Choices in 2011

Elizabeth Public Schools, in a concerted effort to continually provide its students with excellent educational experiences and services, is proud to announce a new *National Academy Foundation* (NAF) program at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy called the NAF Academy of Engineering.

NAF was founded in 1982 by Sanford I. Weill, Chairman Emeritus of Citigroup Inc., as a partnership between business leaders and educators. The mission of NAF is to design comprehensive educational programs for high school students in the field of business. Over the years, NAF has collaborated with many civic and corporate partners creating high school business programs including Academies of Hospitality & Tourism, Academies of Information Technology, and Academies of Engineering.



Through this partnership, Elizabeth Public Schools and NAF have introduced an Academy of Information Technology at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy; an Academy of Hospitality and Tourism at Thomas Edison Career and Technical Academy; and an Academy of Finance at Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy. The NAF programs operate as small learning communities within the larger high school setting. Each program has its own curriculum which includes paid internships, project based-learning, and an integration of literacy instruction through an extended inquiry process that simulates professional knowledge and workplace behavior.

The NAF Academy of Information Technology at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy prepares students for a post-secondary education and career opportunities in the expanding digital age. The program offers coursework in Programming; Database Administration; Web Design and Administration; and Digital Networks.

The NAF Academy of Hospitality and Tourism at Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy provides students with a strong academic foundation in social studies, business and language arts which prepares students for post-secondary studies in hospitality and tourism. Students gain insight and experience in a variety of hospitality and tourism fields including Hotel Management; Sports, Entertainment and Event Management; and Tourism.

In the NAF Academy of Finance at Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy students take academically challenging courses in business, social studies, math and language arts. They gain experience in a wide variety of financial careers including Banking and Credit, Financial Planning, International Finance, Securities, Insurance, Accounting and Economics.

The new NAF Academy of Engineering at John E. Dwyer Technology Academy will educate students in the principles of engineering, and provide content in the fields of Electronics, Biotechnology, Aerospace, Civil Engineering, and Architecture.

Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz believes this partnership serves the district well as the Elizabeth Public Schools continues to pursue its goal of becoming one of the best school systems in the State of New Jersey.

“The collaboration between Elizabeth Public Schools and NAF ensures successful outcomes for all Elizabeth Public School students and prepares them for post-secondary education and the international marketplace,” said Pablo Muñoz, Superintendent of Schools.

Carlos Trujillo, Elizabeth Board of Education President added, “This partnership exemplifies our commitment to our high school transformation plan where students have diverse educational experiences, academic choices and challenging course work.”

The NAF Academy of Engineering will begin in September 2011. Students interested in applying for any of the NAF programs should contact their guidance counselors. Additional information on NAF can be found at <http://naf.org/>



Patriotic Songfest

The learning community at Donald Stewart School No. 51 held a Patriotic songfest. In preparation for the event, students learned about the United States of America and the many states that make up the country. They learned patriotic songs including *America the Beautiful*, *This Land is Your Land*, *God Bless America* and *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. Choreography was added to enhance the interpretation of the songs. The ROTC from Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy also contributed to the songfest by presenting the colors

during the Pledge of Allegiance and the United States of America's National Anthem. The event was a lot of fun and reminded the learning community at School No. 51 about the importance of patriotism and showing pride in our country.

Congratulations!

**Fourth Grade Spelling Bee
Champions, Zachell Sierra
and Mitesh Naratam,**

**from Terence C. Reilly
School No. 7**



Elizabeth Board of Education Opens Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 Annex

*New Jersey Schools Development Authority CEO
Attends Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New School*



New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) CEO Marc D. Larkins, Esq. and his Chief of Staff Jason Ballard attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Elizabeth Public Schools Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 to celebrate the opening of their Annex for Early Childhood Education.

Larkins was appointed in February of 2010 by Governor Chris Christie to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Schools Development Authority. He is responsible for the management and implementation of the state's school construction program throughout New Jersey.

Mabel G. Holmes, School No. 5 Annex is located in the former St. Hedwig's Grammar School building. An agreement made between Elizabeth Public Schools and the Catholic Archdiocese of Newark in May of last year made possible the leasing of three elementary schools formerly operated by the archdiocese to be used to educate pre-school children in Elizabeth. St. Adalbert's School located in Elizabethport and Blessed Sacrament School located in North Elizabeth were opened earlier in the school year.

Board of Education President Carlos Trujillo stated, "This school and the other two that we have entered into contract with the Archdiocese of Newark will allow us to offer early childhood education to about five hundred children who have been on a waiting list. It is my understanding now that the waiting list has been depleted."



Carlos Trujillo thanked the authority's representatives for their continued support of the Elizabeth Public Schools. The Board of Education recognized the State of New Jersey for the work they are doing in Elizabeth to expand early childhood and furthering educational opportunities for all children. "Schools like this are possible because of the partnership and the interest the State of New Jersey and the SDA has taken in the education of the students in the City of Elizabeth," said Trujillo.

Larkins expressed equal praise of the management of the Elizabeth Board of Education. "I want to take the opportunity to congratulate the Elizabeth Board of Education on behalf of the State and the Christie administration and the Schools Development Authority. It's certainly exciting to be here and to have the opportunity to partner with districts that show leadership, innovation, and a bit of ingenuity in terms of how they address the problems regarding early childhood classroom space. The district is making fantastic use of those facilities and I think the kids are benefitting from it."

Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony, Larkins and Ballard visited Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 and Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, which were both completed in 2006, as well as the Academic High School and Victor Mravlag School No. 21 construction site on Shelley Avenue. They were accompanied by Board President Carlos Trujillo; Board members Francisco González, Paul Perreira, and Fernando Nazco; former Board member Rafael Fajardo; and Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz.

More pictures are available at www.epsnj.org

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New Jersey Schools Development Authority Moves Forward With Funding for New School No. 21



On Wednesday January 5, 2011, the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) proceeded with its recommendation to fund and complete the construction of Victor Mravlag School No. 21 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. The new school, located at 132 Shelley Avenue, will help provide more instructional excellence for Elizabeth Public Schools' students from that community.

The New Jersey Development Authority is a public agency that is responsible for financing, renovating and constructing educational infrastructure in special-needs districts. The

Elizabeth Board of Education has been working closely with the SDA to renovate its aging educational facilities. The Elizabeth Board of Education recognizes that the support of Governor Chris Christie is crucial to the completion of this project.

School No. 21, located in the Elmora Hills section of Elizabeth, has been a focal point of neighborhood life for decades. Built in 1930, the school served first as a neighborhood elementary facility through the 1970s and then became the headquarters for the school system's full day gifted and talented program for elementary students. The exterior and interior of the building were meticulously maintained throughout the years; however the demands of 21st Century educational programs, technology and the neighborhood's growing population were all key factors in the Elizabeth Public Schools' decision to modernize the existing facility.

The original facility housed a total of 231 students in pre-kindergarten through the third grade and was about 40,000 square feet. When it opens in September 2012, School No. 21 will be home to 500 pre-kindergarten through grade eighth students and will have almost doubled in size. The new building will be a neighborhood school and offer state-of-the art classrooms, a large gymnasium, a cafetorium with a stage and backstage workshops, instrumental and choral music rooms, a piano lab, a science classroom with an adjacent demonstration lab, a functional and technologically advanced media center, a technology lab, and a fully-equipped art studio.

The Board of Education is working closely with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority to proceed with construction of a new neighborhood school in Elmora Hills-School No. 21 as well as the construction of a new Gifted and Talented-Academic High School. Elizabeth Board of Education Member Fernando Nazco stated "The completion of these two new schools for the residents of Elizabeth is a definitive priority for this administration. We will work arduously to ensure that this comes to fruition." ***The State of New Jersey is fully funding the construction of School No.21 and a new Academic High School.***

The CEO of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority Marc D. Larkins, Esq. visited the construction site of School No. 21 on Monday January 3rd, 2012. He was accompanied by Elizabeth Board President Carlos Trujillo; Board members Francisco González, Paul Perreira, and Fernando Nazco; former Board member Rafael Fajardo; and Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz.



Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz commented, “Victor Mravlag School No. 21 was designed with the unique needs of the neighborhood in mind. It will help Elizabeth Public Schools provide the challenging coursework and the rigor of instruction that we must offer if our students are to be prepared for a post-secondary education and the international marketplace. Moving ahead with this construction will benefit the community as a whole. We are very happy that we are moving forward with this state of the art facility.”

“Schools like this are possible because of the partnership and the interest the State of New Jersey and the SDA has taken in the education of the students in the City of Elizabeth,” said Carlos Trujillo, Elizabeth Board of Education President.

EPS Hopes New Law Will Force City To Acknowledge Gang Problems

Elizabeth Public Schools heralded the signing of new legislation which requires municipalities to provide gang related activity to the proper authorities. The new law will improve the way the district fights gang activity and will help “improve safety for our children,” stated Francisco González, Elizabeth Board of Education Member. The legislation was sponsored by Assemblyman Gordon Johnson and Senator Ron Rice to improve data collection techniques and was signed into law by Governor Chris Christie.

Bill (A-3264/S-1537) requires that information contained in gang related incident offense reports be forwarded to the Superintendent of State Police and included in the Uniform Crime Report. “It requires that cities acknowledge that they have a gang problem, requiring them to report the data to the appropriate authorities at once,” stated Carlos Trujillo, Elizabeth Board of Education President. Trujillo added, “Our district has been in close contact with the Union County Prosecutor’s Office to discuss ways we can bring the City of Elizabeth to the table on this very issue. We support the Prosecutor’s efforts in requiring the Elizabeth Police to properly report this vital crime data to the public.”

Meetings between the Elizabeth Board of Education and the Union County Prosecutors Office have been held to find ways to improve security in the school district and city as a whole. Representatives of the PBA divulged a letter in the press in November, 2010 with regard to the safety of their members in Elizabeth’s Schools. The PBA did not show up at the meeting that was scheduled in the Prosecutor’s Office, nor did anyone from the police department attend.

Even though local police departments are already required to submit quarterly reports to the Attorney General, it is important that the public be aware of all crimes being committed in their municipalities. “This isn’t just a school problem; this is a community problem. We need to work together as a community to fight gang activity as it is impacting our children and the very city they live in,” stated Board of Education member Francisco González. “Addressing the problem with hard facts and accurate data is the first place to start.”

Astronomy Night at School No. 29

On a clear autumn night, approximately 250 students and parents from Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 participated in Astronomy Night. Participants circulated among four astronomy activity stations which included telescope viewings of the Moon, Jupiter and its moons; a virtual night sky tour in the planetarium; and two learning activity tables.

On the school playground, one of the school's two telescopes was positioned to view the moon in its waxing gibbous phase. Assisted by teachers, Mr. Carmizino, Mrs. Alvarado and Mr. Roble, participants were able to see crater formations and the dark grey area called a maria. The second telescope was positioned to view Jupiter and four of its major moons, Europa, Ganymede, Io and Callisto. The telescope was powerful enough for the participants to see the bands of color on our solar system's largest planet.

In the planetarium, Ms. Tracy Espiritu guided visitors in a virtual tour of the night sky. She shared with them how to spot certain celestial objects such as planets and constellations, visible in the night and early morning.

At the activity tables managed by Mrs. Maria Guaracci, Mrs. Salemm and student volunteers, students and parents compared the planets by their size and learned about certain constellations through hands-on activities.



The night was a great success combining family fun with science!

Superintendent of Schools Visits School No. 51

On Tuesday, December 7, 2010, Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz visited Donald Stewart School No. 51. During the visit he read "The Beastly Feast" to Mrs. Smith's classroom. The children were excited about the visit and actively participated in answering the questions posed by Mr. Muñoz. Students identified rhyming words and characters in the story. At the end, Mr. Muñoz thanked the students and shook their hands.



Educator for a Day

On Thursday, November 18, 2010, Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 participated in the National Education Association's *Educator for a Day* program. The school invited community leaders into classrooms to serve as educators for a day so that they could experience firsthand the needs of today's students and the challenges of working in a school environment.

Guest educators included Elizabeth Board of Education Member Francisco González, Assistant Director for Elementary and Secondary Education Lisette Calvo, Freeholder Angel Estrada, Retired College Counselor Sara Torres, Mortgage Broker Karoline Puma, and Personal Banker Shirley Guzman.

The *Educator for a Day* program reinforces American Education Week's theme, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility". The theme represents National Education Association's vision of calling upon all Americans to do their part in making public schools great for all children so they can grow and achieve in the 21st century.



Union County Gifted & Talented Association Convocations

On December 8, twenty third grade students from William F. Halloran School No. 22 represented Elizabeth at the "Third Grade, Edith Mayner Brain Bowl Day of Problem Solving". The event was sponsored by the Union County Gifted and Talented Association. The day celebrated students working together with fellow Gifted and Talented students from across Union County to demonstrate their problem solving

skills. The students participated in challenges that included building structures, brain quests, estimating and brainstorming. The event enabled the students at School No. 22 to make new friends and learn from each other as they participated in educational challenges. The students did an outstanding job at the event scoring on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. One of the students commented, "We learned so much and had so much fun solving the problems."

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Kindergarten students at Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 celebrated the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They discussed their feelings about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and engaged in activities which taught them about his life. The activities included reading a poem, watching a video, singing songs and reading a book. The students concluded that Dr. King was a leader, who believed that everyone should be treated equal. The students shared their thoughts about Dr. King on a bulletin board display which included a shared writing activity with a colorful display of the students' silhouettes.

La Befana

In celebration of "La Befana" (Three Kings Day), the Italian III students in Mr. Morsella's classes, at Elizabeth High School, visited the French 1 students to share with them the story of "La Befana". As the story has been told, the Three Wise Men were on their way to visit baby Jesus when they met "La Befana". They asked her to join them; however, she told them that she had too many chores to do that day. After her work, she decided to go see the baby Jesus, but never found him. On her way, she gave out treats and gifts intended for the baby Jesus to the children. Therefore in celebration of this event, children in Italy anxiously await her arrival every year on January 6th. The French students were thrilled to learn about Italian culture and enjoyed the visit of "La Befana".



American Education Week

Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 hosted American Education Week with an array of activities for the students. The week began with a visit from Board President Carlos Trujillo, who read to Ms. Buchta's first grade class. In addition, Board Member Francisco González, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Barrett, Supervisor of Science Dr. Michael Wansaw, and Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts Tracy Monteiro, joined the Board President reading their favorite books to students. Parents also attended the event, sharing the educational experience with their children.





Food Drive at School No. 51

In the month of November, Donald Stewart School No. 51 held a Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) sponsored Food Drive. The drive was an incredible success as the School No. 51 learning community exceeded its goal. The school's original goal was to acquire 500 food items but with the help of parents and team members, the school acquired over 800 food items. The food was donated to the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless on Division Street in Elizabeth.

"Talking Books"

During National Education Week, at Nicholas S. La Corte-Peterstown School No. 3, a group of eighth grade students visited kindergarten classrooms, asking the children to vote for their favorite story books. Eighth graders then turned the favorite selections into "talking books" using a Power Point presentation. The new "talking books" were presented to the kindergarten students and downloaded onto their classroom computers. The kindergarten students utilized these "talking books" to facilitate a more independent form of reading practice. A subsequent writing assignment was also developed for them and the results were displayed on the "Gingerbread Man" bulletin board outside their classroom. The collaborative effort was a great success!



Winter Holiday Concert

Approximately 400 parents, family and friends attended the Winter Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 15 at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27. The music department, under the direction of Annice Benamy, James Crowley, and Tina Padas-Mavroudis, entertained the audience with choral numbers and instrumental pieces of holiday music. A second performance was given for the entire School No. 27 learning community the next day so all the students could enjoy the experience.

Community Service at School No. 16



The learning community at Madison-Monroe School No. 16 took part in some amazing community service projects. During the past couple of months, team members and students held a Math-A-Thon for St. Jude Children's Hospital; collected teddy bears for the "Bear Hugs for the Holidays" event for children at Morristown Children's Hospital; and wrote Santa Letters to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

In the end, the School No. 16 learning community raised \$240.00 in the Math-A-Thon; brought smiles and cheer to hospitalized children during the holidays; and helped to make children's dreams come true!

Parent Night

On December 9, Nicholas S. La Corte-Peterstown School No. 3 held a parent night for all 8th grade parents. Guidance Counselor Felice Adamcik hosted the event, giving a presentation on "How to Access PowerSchool at Home". In addition, 8th grade students presented their own slide shows, detailing everything they learned on their college field trips. Students proudly displayed slides of Princeton University, Richard Stockton College, Monmouth University, Ramapo College and Seton Hall University. Thanks to the Parent-Teacher Organization, every parent was given a CD containing their child's power point presentation and a customized candy bar that each child designed.



A Prehistoric Project Comes to Life



This past fall, eighth grade students from Victor Mravlag School No. 21 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 in their World History I class channeled their inner National Geographic producers and completed a group project on prehistoric humans. The project had the students create a short movie showing a single day in the life of “Gunga,” a Cro-Magnon man.

The first step was research and many students found themselves at Elizabeth Public Library. Focusing on food, clothing, shelter, art, religion, and the technology of these early humans, the students completed the detailed research that would allow them to create a movie.

Next, they wrote a script and found time after school and on weekends to venture into Elizabeth’s parks to film their project. Final projects included touching family stories, dramatic hunting scenes, and all the pathos of early human life.

Teacher Luis Sobo who assigned the popular project said, “It was very important for students to be able to do real research. Students had to internalize the information and then present it in script and stage form. The final product involved technology skills, software skills, and the ability to present information in an informative and engaging format.”

All about Reading



Students from Winfield Scott School No. 2 and their parents attended the school’s annual “Bedtime with Books” on Wednesday, December 8. This year, the book read was *The Mitten Tree* by Candace Christiansen. Teacher Barry Gastelu volunteered to read the story about a woman who finds purpose and joy in giving a very special gift. The story was brought to life by team members who donated gloves and mittens to be raffled off at the event. After the reading, team members read other books to small groups of students and their parents.

To encourage more interest in reading, School No. 2 also participated in a Perkins Restaurant promotion entitled “Reading Opens a Door”. If students read ten books, they received a coupon for one free adult entree with the purchase of a kid’s meal. The program first began in October with the second graders and now includes grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Recreating the First Thanksgiving



Mrs. Jaffe's bilingual kindergarten class, at Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30, recreated the first Thanksgiving feast. Students learned the names of the Mayflower Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Native Americans who attended. They acted out their roles and became familiar with traditional foods and activities that are customary during Thanksgiving.

With the help of a generous donation by Whole Foods Market, the students and teachers were able to prepare a completely organic Thanksgiving meal complete with cornbread, baked sweet potatoes, fresh green beans, cranberry

sauce, stuffing, turkey, gravy and apple pie. Team members Consuelo Salazar and Milena Maya also played an instrumental role in making the Thanksgiving Feast a success. Mrs. Jaffe commented, "Our students really gained an understanding for what Thanksgiving Dinner is like. Many of our students are new to this country so this was a real eye-opener for them and a great learning experience!"



Students of the Month at School No. 3

As the calendar year of 2010 came to a close, the learning community at Nicholas S. La Corte-Peterstown School No. 3 wanted to recognize the "Students of the Month" for November 2010. When a student is chosen for "Student of the Month" at School No. 3 they must embody special qualities in order to be designated with such an honor. The students must have good attendance, citizenship, and class participation; always try their best; and positively demonstrate these traits on a daily basis. The recipients for the month of November were recognized on December 2, 2010 by Interim Principal Jennifer Campel and given a delicious breakfast. Parents were invited to attend and share this honor with their children.

Squash Competition Proves Its Weight

The annual estimation contest was in full effect again this year at Victor Mravlag School No. 21 and William F. Halloran School No. 22. Students compared five and one pound weights in order to guess the weight of a North American squash. Camila Dutra won for the sixth through eighth grade category with a nineteen and sixty-five hundredths pound guess. Nabi Wahedun won for the third through fifth grade category with a fourteen and six hundredths pound guess. Sherlyn Diaz won in the pre-kindergarten through second grade category with a six and a half pound guess. Congratulations to all the winners!



Let it Snow

We are all far too familiar with snow, but what if you lived somewhere tropical? Snow would be hard to find, but not impossible. That is because, as Mrs. Phyllis Taub's fifth graders from Madison-Monroe School No. 16 learned, snow can be manufactured.

Students created artificial snow using a special white polymer. When mixed with water, the polymer can absorb enough water to expand to 40 times its size. The manufactured snow was terrific to touch, and students enjoyed comparing its feel to real snow. They were even able to bring home a bag of the powdery

substance to their families. This activity led students to further scientific investigations, discussing the differences between mixtures and solutions.

Santa's Reading Night

On December 8, Dr. Orlando Edreira School No. 26, in collaboration with the school PTA, hosted a "Santa's Reading Night". Students and parents packed the library for the evening to hear Santa read books and explain the importance of reading in the educational life of a child.



Spreading the Word for Success

At Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, team member Stacy Augustine has been dedicating her time and efforts to ensuring that her students master mathematics. She has successfully instructed her students in geometry, algebra I and II, and trigonometry. Recently, she was asked to join New Jersey University's New Teacher Panel for Graduates to share her experience with future teachers. Through this forum, she has been able to help college students better understand teaching, the learning process, and effective classroom management skills.



The college students asked questions ranging from the hiring interview process to the challenges and rewards of being a new teacher. Ms. Augustine said "I told them that no matter what the challenges, the job of teaching is satisfying and rewarding – so don't give up."

She emphasized the rewards of teaching in saying, "I originally was an accountant. But it's hard to love numbers the way you will love your students. I still get e-mails from graduates thanking me for the effort I made in helping them to succeed. Teaching gives you the opportunity to change someone's life significantly for the better."

Ms. Augustine also spoke about Elizabeth Public Schools' educational policies. "I told them that under the leadership of Superintendent Pablo Muñoz, the Elizabeth school district strives for excellence in all of its endeavors. I encouraged them to apply in Elizabeth because teachers with dual degrees can help us meet the educational needs of our students."

Principal George E. Mikros commented, "By serving on New Jersey University's New Teacher Panel, Ms. Augustine is spreading the word about the benefits of being a team member in Elizabeth Public Schools. Also, her contact with college students will give her insight into how to better prepare our students for the rigors of college."



Honoring Achievement

In order to inspire students to do their best, Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 held its monthly "Student of the Month" program. The program, run by the school guidance counselor, celebrates students who have demonstrated academic and behavioral improvement over the course of the month. Selected students are honored in the main lobby and treated to a small breakfast in recognition of their improvement.

Students at Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 Create and Read Stories Based on the Pledge of Ethics



Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 students, in the “Heroes and Heroines: Writing Through Literature” class, focused on the use of writings throughout all genres to help expand the definition of what it means to be heroic while experiencing new opportunities to craft their literary talents. Members of the class were challenged to create stories about a hero or heroine, integrating one point of the district’s *Pledge of Ethics*. The students then read their stories to the second grade.

when I asked questions the kids responded brilliantly. The students are good listeners and I was glad to read to them.”

Jeslie Ortiz, a sixth grade student, explained, “The experience I had reading to the second grade students was fantastic. At the end of the story, everyone clapped which made me so glad to know that they learned something from me. It was almost like I was a teacher.”

Focusing on the themes of the class, seventh grade student Dahiana Aquino thought about heroism, “Is anyone who is truly brave not nervous and afraid? I was very nervous and afraid, at first. It was fun hearing what the children thought about the different stories. The children of this school are amazing and I would love another chance to read to them, soon.”

13th Annual Winter Concert

Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 held its 13th annual Winter Concert on December 15. All eight ensembles performed to a packed gymnasium of family, school and community members.

The *Fourth Grade Chorus* directed by Miss Christine Cho and Mr. McLean started the concert. The ensemble was followed by the 38 voice *Concert Chorus*; *Beginning Strings*; along with the *Orchestra* and *Voices of Harmony*, all directed by Miss Christine Cho. The program also featured the 60 piece *Beginning and Developmental Bands*; *Jazz Ensemble*; and the 67 member *Advanced Band*, directed by Dr. Thomas Siebenhuhner.



Many students performed and some even appeared in two and three separate ensembles. The performers delighted their audience with a mix of familiar songs associated with the December holidays, and with standard concert repertoire.

The Mabel G. Holmes' Community Garden



Students and team members from Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 created and dedicated a community vegetable and flower garden to honor the parents/guardians, grandparents, and community members who have been instrumental in supporting the School No. 5 learning community.

The students and team members planted various bulbs such as Hyacinths, Tulips, and Lilies. During the process, students learned horticulture and life skills. Students are eager for an early spring so they can see their hard work blossom.

Sending Letters to American Heroes

Students at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 took part in a project to send holiday cards and letters to injured service men and women who are recovering at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Under the direction of Math Coach Mrs. McCarthy and Social Studies Teacher Mr. O'Donnell, students from kindergarten to eighth grade sent heartfelt wishes to soldiers for a happy holiday season. The students expressed their appreciation to the war veterans for their service to our country and expressed gratitude for protecting our freedom. They wished all a speedy recovery and hoped everyone would soon be well enough to spend time with their families.



Student Council Hosts Welcome Breakfast for New Students



The Victor Mravlag School No. 21 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 Student Council welcomed twenty-nine newly enrolled students and their parents with a *Welcome Breakfast*, in December. Bagels, donuts, coffee, and juice were served, comforting anxious students and parents. Each family received personalized information folders that contained essential information about school policies, expectations, and procedures.

Student Council Presidents, Ray Bally and Adrian Cortizo, entertained and warmed the hearts of the group with inspiring words during the breakfast. Seventh and eighth grade ambassadors also assisted, giving parents and children guided tours throughout the building. By the end of the breakfast, the new families felt welcomed and were relieved of apprehension.

AP Biology Students Get an Overview of Cancer and Its Treatments

Article Submitted by The Journalism Class at Elizabeth High School

Mrs. Abdel Hadi's AP Biology classes, from Elizabeth High School, were privileged to have Lee Greenberger, PhD as a guest lecturer to provide them with an overview of cancer and the current treatments for the disease.

Dr. Greenberger, Vice President of Research at Enzon Pharmaceuticals, presented 90 minutes of information which described the molecular basis of cancer including an understanding of mutations and altered signal transduction pathways that lead to uncontrolled cell growth. The lecture built from general concepts of cell structure and function (i.e. plasma membrane, DNA, phosphorylation) which are all part of the coursework in Ms. Abdel Hadi's AP Biology class.

The lecture covered methods for the detection of cancer followed by a short discussion on the molecular basis of treatments of cancer, many of which inhibit key targets that control cell growth. The final ten minutes of the lecture covered opportunities and career paths in cancer research.

Dr. Greenberger said, "Research and development in cancer is a very slow and painstaking process that can take decades for today's laboratory breakthroughs to benefit patients." That is why, according to Dr. Greenberger, "it is essential that we attract the brightest and most capable undergraduate, high school, and even middle school students to careers in cancer research."



The students were very engaged during the lecture and many expressed their excitement about the subject matter. Many students also expressed their interest in pursuing a career in cancer research.

Holiday Concert at Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5



The students at Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 worked rigorously to prepare for a holiday performance that was second to none. Under the direction of team member Mr. Scott, students performed a wonderful program of selections which captured the holiday spirit. The performances included full band arrangements, woodwind ensemble selections, string ensemble pieces, and solo selections. The event was a perfect addition to the School No. 5 learning community's holiday celebrations.

Toy Drive

On December 22, thirty-eight children were the lucky recipients of a toy raffle at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27. Parent Liaison Lydia Rodriguez was in charge of collecting and distributing donations from the team members at School No. 27. The event was a great success reminding the learning community at School No. 27 about the importance of giving back to others.



“Mix It Up Day”

“Mix It Up Day” is a national campaign to improve intergroup relations, reduce prejudices, and build inclusive learning communities. The day encourages students to identify, question, and cross social boundaries that separate them from other students.

This year, students identified the cafeteria as the place where social divisions are most commonly drawn. The school organizers of “Mix It Up Day” used this location as an opportunity to move

students out of their comfort zones to connect with someone new over lunch. The activity, facilitated by Social Worker Steven Zografos and Parent Liaison Antoinette Omizebga, was a huge success resulting in students meeting new friends and learning about cultures that are different from their own.



The Polar Express

All Aboard! The Polar Express Train departed from Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 to the North Pole on December 23. During the week, the students completed many projects based on the Polar Express across the curriculum. Some of the projects included graphing, geography, artistic representations of the Polar Express and persuasive letters based on the theme "Do you have to see something to believe in it?" The culminating activity for the week brought the entire School No. 13 learning community together to watch the Polar Express movie. During the show, students and team members wore cozy pajamas and enjoyed hot chocolate and holiday cookies. The week long activities were a great experience and learning journey for the students at School No. 13.

Battin's Holiday Festival

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) from Joseph Battin School No. 4 held their first annual Holiday Festival on December 16, 2010. In preparation for the event, the PTO decorated the gym and cafeteria with trees, snowflakes and lights to capture the holiday spirit. Parents and students enjoyed an evening of fun and festivities; dining on a holiday feast; playing games in the gym; and participating in various raffles to win great prizes. Everyone had a wonderful time and is looking forward to the next festival at Joseph Battin School No. 4!



Robert Morris All Stars

The fifth grade students at Robert Morris School No. 18 began their ten week "All Star" program presented by Prevention Links. Under the supervision of School Counselor Nancy Monaco, the students attend the program once a week with a curriculum targeted to increase positive social skills and belief systems. This science-based curriculum was developed and maintained by Tanglewood Research. Topics include building strong personal commitments; increasing positive parental attentiveness; developing positive ideals; creating a belief in conventional norms; and bonding with school, family and pro-social institutions. The students thoroughly enjoy the topics and look forward to the lesson and discussion every week. Through this program students are provided with many of the tools they need to be successful both personally and academically.



A World of Volleyball at School No. 6



This month in Physical Education, the middle school students of Toussaint L'Ouverture Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 jumped into the world of volleyball. The students learned about the history of volleyball and were amazed how its creator Physical Education Director of a YMCA William G. Morgan created the sport because YMCA members wanted an indoor game that wasn't as physical as basketball. Students were introduced to the skills and terms that correlated to the game. They were asked to explain a quote by Vince Lombardi, "Individual

commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." The activities and discussions led students to understand that in volleyball everyone must do their job for the good of the team. In addition, students utilized their math skills when shown a diagram of a volleyball court which displayed a 9 meter by 18 meter rectangle. As a team, students converted meters to feet and measured out the correct distance for game play. Once the students were ready, they participated in a Holiday Volleyball Tournament on December 23 to display their skills and knowledge of volleyball.

A "Winter 'Green' Fiesta" is Celebrated at School No. 13



On December 22, Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 presented their 1st annual "Winter 'Green' Fiesta". The performance was a showcase of the Afterschool Performing Arts groups which included the School Band and Chorus. The school band, led by team member George Paulick, started the fantastic show followed by performances from grades K-3 and the dance team which performed as "Sugarplums". The highlight of the concert was "Santa's Song", written by Language Arts teacher Eugene Anagnos, which was proudly performed by the school chorus under the direction of team member Nicole Pepe.

The fiesta also included a showcase of artwork created by the Afterschool Visual Arts program. The artwork, displayed in the hall, was made out of recycled material from Ms. Christina Rios' Art Club. It incorporated a life size "Green" Gingerbread House constructed by team member Lara Filippello and her eighth grade students using only recycled material.

Homework Help Workshop



The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) at Joseph Battin School No. 4 sponsored a “Homework Help” workshop on December 7. The workshop invited students and parents to learn about homework and class work strategies. Teachers from each grade level assisted in the workshop, teaching parents techniques for helping their children with their schoolwork. After the workshop, the PTO held their monthly meeting and thanked all the parents and teachers who participated in the workshop. PTO President Pia Carbajal stated, “The night was a big success and we plan to have similar workshops for parents throughout the year.”

College Bound

In honor of American Education Week, the students and team members of Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 wore their favorite college t-shirts. Throughout the day, students saw various colleges represented including Rutgers University, Kean University and William Paterson University. The shirts inspired discussions among the students about their goals for the future and plans for achieving those goals.



Students of the Month at School No. 13



During the month of November, Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 recognized students who demonstrated academic growth, achievement, and great character. The honorary winners received a certificate for their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations!

School No. 27 Celebrates American Education Week



The Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 learning community celebrated American Education week with numerous activities, each centered around a theme. The activities included reading educational quotes, decorating puzzle pieces to reflect students' personalities, *Crazy Sock Day*, a word sleuth contest, faculty breakfast and inviting parents to read to students.

In addition to the fun activities, special community leaders were invited to the school to speak to the students about education and community responsibilities. Mr. Carlo Ceden, Elizabeth City Councilman came to speak to the Middle School about LEGOS-loving words and self

esteem building along with STONES-losing the harsh words and negative words. The students were then asked to write an essay, "If I were Principal for a Day at Dr. Antonia Pantoja School", with a winner chosen from each grade level. Thursday was Community Leaders Day with special visits from Police Officer Tropiano and Fire Office Captain Young from station No. 7. The children enjoyed seeing a real fire truck along with police cars and a police motorcycle. Mr. Kevin Boyle, Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs at Caldwell College, spoke with guest speaker Bishrut Thapa, International Student and President of Student Government, spoke to fourth and fifth grade students about the importance of furthering their education. Mrs. Helena Coutinho Goncalves spoke to the third grade about being a professional pharmacist and the importance of working hard in school. School Spirit Day culminated the week with teachers wearing their old College shirts or School No. 27 school colors. The middle school had a guessing contest trying to identify the teacher's school pictures. We would like to express our thanks to Jenny Reguinho and the America Education team for all their hard work, dedication, and inspirational activities.



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Language and Culture Experience at Aroma Restaurant

Spanish I and II students from the Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy had a wonderful language and cultural experience at Aroma Restaurant in Elizabeth. During the field trip, students had the opportunity to order from the menu in Spanish; taste different Spanish recipes; converse with restaurant staff; and dance to Spanish music. The trip was a wonderful way for the students to practice their Spanish speaking skills and experience Spanish culture.

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Superintendent's Report
January 20, 2011

CONSIDERATIONS

1. Request from Olga Hugelmeyer, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning for Michael Wansaw, Supervisor of Science K-5, Linda-Lee Kelly, Supervisor of Science 6-12 and Anila Eugene Elizabeth High School Science Teacher to attend the 2011 NSTA National Convention in San Francisco, CA from March 9 -11, 2011 , as part of the Partnership for Systemic Change with the Merck Institute for Science Education, at no cost to the Board.
2. Request from Judy Finch-Johnson, Director of Athletics for the Elizabeth High School Varsity Baseball Coach Mathew Belford, three (3) chaperones and the varsity baseball team attend The Ripken Experience – 2011 High School Spring Training, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from April 18-23, 2011, not to exceed a total cost of \$17,993.00 to be charged to Account No. 11-402-100-580-00-00-64.

USE OF FACILITIES

1. Request from America's United Soccer Academy for use of Dr. Orlando Dreira Academy School No. 26 gymnasium for soccer practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning January 21, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 gymnasium every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning January 25, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Elizabeth High School (L) gymnasium every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning January 25, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.
2. Request from Councilman Carlos Cedeno for use of the gymnasium for community meetings in Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23 on February 9, 2011; and Robert Morris School No. 18 on February 16, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.
3. Request from Elizabeth Giants Youth Organization for use of the Thomas G. Dunn Sports Center for basketball tournaments on Sunday, April 3, 2011 and Sunday, May 18, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.
4. Request from Elizabeth PAL for use of Ronald Reagan Academy School No. 30 cafeteria for PAL Awards Recognition on Saturday, February 26, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.
5. Request from Elizabeth PAL for use of Thomas G. Dunn Sports Center for wrestling tournaments on Sunday, May 1, 2011 and Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.
6. Request from the Elizabeth Public Schools Technology Department for use of Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3 gymnasium for recreational basketball every Monday and Wednesday beginning January 24, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.

7. Request from Lady Charges Volleyball Club for use of Thomas G. Dunn Sports Center for a volleyball tournaments on the following Sundays, January 23, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., February 13, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and March 20, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.
8. Request from United Youth of New Jersey for use of Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy auditorium for a community celebration hair showcase on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.
9. Request from United Youth of New Jersey for use of Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy auditorium for a play "AMBO" The Untold Journey on Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.
10. Request from Elmora Youth Little League for use of Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy auditorium for a parents night meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., be approved. Requested: Waiver of fees. Recommendation: Waiver of facility fees.

Supplemental Superintendent's Report
January 20, 2011

USE OF FACILITIES -CONSIDERATIONS

1. Request from He Hears He Cares Prayers Ministry for use of Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 auditorium for community church services every Sunday beginning February 6, 2011 through February 27, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., be approved. Total cost for facility, custodial, and security will be \$717.00.
2. Request from Iglesia Christiana Pentecostal "El Shaddai" for use of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy auditorium for church services every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning February 2, 2011 through February 25, 2011 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and every Sunday, beginning February 6, 2011 through Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., be approved. Total cost for facility, custodial, and security will be \$4,568.00.

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Superintendent's Report
January 20, 2011

FIELD TRIP CONSIDERATIONS

Field trips are approved as filed in the Office of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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Supplemental Superintendent's Report
January 20, 2011

FIELD TRIP CONSIDERATIONS

Field trips are approved as filed in the Office of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

ELIZABETH BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the following recommendations.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP

Recommended: That Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29 be authorized to enter into a partnership with the Greater Newark Conservancy, 32 Prince Street, Newark, NJ in efforts to develop a dynamic outdoor classroom program that will reinforce education content and skills in all subject areas. Within the partnership, the Greater Newark Conservancy will provide Dr. Albert Einstein Academy resources and tools to sustain a successful educational program, at no cost to the Board.

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT VOUCHERS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Recommended: That the Elizabeth Board of Education be authorized to participate in the NJ Devils Student Honor Roll Program; and to accept 350 vouchers from the NJ Devils' franchise, (each voucher providing tickets for two people to attend a NJ Devils home game at the Prudential Center) to be awarded to junior and senior students achieving High Honor Roll and Honor Roll status in the first marking period of the 2010-2011 school year, and other merit achievement, at no cost to the Board.

AUTHORIZATION TO HOST A VISIT FROM NJEA'S CAT IN THE HAT

Recommended: That Elmora School No. 12 be authorized to host a visit from the Cat in the Hat from the NJEA on February 14, 2011 at 11:30 a.m., at no cost to the Board.

WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY ON BOAT RIDES

Recommended: That the Elizabeth Board of Education approve a waiver of Board Policy on boat rides for 50 members of the Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Leadership Academy Outdoor Appreciation Club to participate in a field trip to the Delaware Water Gap, Blairstown, NJ on January 17, 2011, under the supervision of teachers John Lopreiato, Gordon Condos, Cindy Gisinger, Erica Hodulik and Stephen Polchinski.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVISIONAL TEACHER PROGRAM AND AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

That **Kelly Ann McAleney**, Music Teacher, Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy, be authorized to participate in the Provisional Teacher Program and that the teacher, Kelly Ann McAleney, and the Board of Education comply with the guidelines for Training and Supervising Provisional Teachers, and

Further, that the teacher and the Board enter into an Agreement for the Board to disburse the sum of \$550.00 on behalf of said teacher, and the teacher to reimburse said \$550.00 by payroll deduction from December 23, 2010 through September 30, 2011, and that the President of the Board of Education and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

That **Eleftheria Wolff**, Resource Center Teacher, Winfield Scott School No. 2, be authorized to participate in the Provisional Teacher Program and that the teacher, Eleftheria Wolff, and the Board of Education comply with the guidelines for Training and Supervising Provisional Teachers, and

Further, that the teacher and the Board enter into an Agreement for the Board to disburse the sum of \$550.00 on behalf of said teacher, and the teacher to reimburse said \$550.00 by payroll deduction from December 23, 2010 through September 30, 2011, and that the President of the Board of Education and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

That **Straubel Cetoute**, 7th & 8th Grade Mathematics Teacher, Juan Pablo Duarte-Jose Julian Marti School No. 28, be authorized to participate in the Provisional Teacher Program and that the teacher, Straubel Cetoute, and the Board of Education comply with the guidelines for Training and Supervising Provisional Teachers, and

Further, that the teacher and the Board enter into an Agreement for the Board to disburse the sum of \$1,000.00 on behalf of said teacher, and the teacher to reimburse said \$550.00 by payroll deduction from December 23, 2010 through October 31, 2011, and that the President of the Board of Education and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

That **Daniel Dalfonzo**, Physics Teacher, Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy, be authorized to participate in the Provisional Teacher Program and that the teacher, Daniel Dalfonzo, and the Board of Education comply with the guidelines for Training and Supervising Provisional Teachers, and

Further, that the teacher and the Board enter into an Agreement for the Board to disburse the sum of \$ 1,000.00 on behalf of said teacher, and the teacher to reimburse said \$550.00 by payroll deduction from January 14, 2011 through October 14, 2011, and that the President of the Board of Education and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

DONATIONS

750 Carnations from Linda's Florist, Elizabeth, NJ for Elmora School No. 12 students to use for a Valentine's Day fundraiser for DARFUR Education Project.

APPROVAL OF PARENT ORGANIZATIONS FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Recommended: That in accordance with the Policy on Fund Raising by Parent Organizations, fund raising activities sponsored by parent organizations, as filed in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, be approved.

APPROVAL OF FUND RAISING REQUESTS

School	Organization	Fund Raiser	Dates
School No. 3	PTO	Pennies for Patients (for the Leukemia Foundation)	2/7-25/11
School No. 4	Students	Pennies for Patients (for the Leukemia Foundation)	2/7-25/11
School No. 4	8 th Grade Classes	Bake Sale	2/10-11/11
School No. 4	8 th Grade Classes	Bake Sale	5/26-27/11
School No. 7	PTO	Candy Sale	1/21 - 2/24/11
School No. 7	Dance Classes	Ticket Sales for Dance Show	1/26/11
School No. 7	6 th Grade Classes	St. Valentine's Day Treat & Sweets Sale	2/7-11/11
School No. 7	PTO	Refreshment Sale	3/2/11
School No. 7	PTO	Spaghetti Dinner & Tricky Tray	3/24/11
School No. 7	Students/Staff	Graduation Stars Sale (Congratulatory Messages)	5/9-31/11
School No. 12	4 th – 8 th Gr. Students	Valentine's Day Carnation Sale	2/11/11
School No. 13	Students/Staff	A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned	11/29/10-1/10/11
School No. 16	PTO	Students Pictures (Lifetouch)	3/1/11
School No. 18	PTA	Candy Sale	2/28-3/18/11
School No. 26	PTA	Walk-a-Thon	2/25/11
School No. 27	Students	Box Tops for Education	1/21-6/24/11
School No. 27	Students/Staff	Valentine's Day Dance	2/18/11
School No. 50	PTO	Spring Brochure Sale	2/25-3/11/11
School No. 50	PTO	Scholastic Book Sale	4/11-15/11
School No. 50	PTO	Tricky Tray	5/10/11
Edison Academy	Student Government	"Crush" Valentine's Day Can Sale	2/1-14/11
Edison Academy	Student Government	Valentine's Day Cookie Sale	2/10-14/11

Edison Academy	Junior/Senior Classes	Movie Night	2/16/11
Edison Academy	Yearbook Club	Sale of Yearbook	2/1-6/17/11
Edison Academy	Junior Classes	Book Drive	3/1-31/11
Edison Academy	Junior Classes	Message in an Egg (for Easter)	4/15/11
Edison Academy	Junior Classes	Bottle Cap Collecting (Community Service hours)	5/2-31/11
EHS	Wrestling Team	Entrance Fees – Tournament	1/8/11
EHS	Forensics Team	Gift Card Raffle	1/21-4/29/11
EHS	French Honor Society	Collection of Dues	2/1-28/11
EHS	Italian Honor Society	Collection of Dues	2/1-28/11
EHS	National Honor Society	Collection of Dues	2/1-28/11
EHS	French Honor Society	Mardi Gras Dance	3/4/11
EHS	Italian Honor Society	Mardi Gras Dance	3/4/11
EHS	National Honor Society	Mardi Gras Dance	3/4/11
Halsey Academy	Student Government	Valentine Candy & Cards Sale	2/10-14/11
Halsey Academy	Dance Classes	Ticket Sales for Dance Show	4/11-29/11
Hamilton Academy	Student Government	Entry Fee for School Dance	2/14/11

ELIZABETH BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the following recommendations.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT

Recommended: That the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Education, Kean University and William Paterson University to provide formal instruction to alternate route candidates enrolled in the provisional teacher program, at no cost to the Board.

APPROVAL OF PARENT ORGANIZATIONS FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Recommended: That in accordance with the Policy on Fund Raising by Parent Organizations, fund raising activities sponsored by parent organizations, as filed in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, be approved.

APPROVAL OF FUND RAISING REQUESTS

School	Organization	Fund Raiser	Dates
Jefferson Academy	TV Club	Candy Sale	1/3-5/31/11
Jefferson Academy	Visual Arts Club	Candy Sale	1/3-5/31/11

Finance and Accounting Report
Authorization to Pay Vouchers

Elizabeth, N.J., January 20, 2011

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the following:

A. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY VOUCHERS

1.	Buckler Associates, Inc. (Professional Services – School No. 4)		\$3,800.00
2.	First MCO (Case Management Fee – January 2011)		19,166.00
3. *	Geralds, Jr., Robert L. (Reimbursement – Meals for ROTC Trip January 14-15, 2011)		2,250.00
4. *	Holiday Inn & Suites (Reservations - ROTC Trip January 14-15, 2011)		1,324.24
5.	Insurance Consulting Associates (Consulting Services – December 2010)		4,200.00
6. *	NJBFAA (Registration – Burglar & Fire Alarm Courses – J. Vargas)		425.00
7. *	Networks Solutions (Domain Services Renewal and Private Registration)		329.80
8. *	New Hope Early Childhood Center (Pre-School Students Tuition – January 2011)		95,898.22
9.	O'Donnell Agency, L.L.C. (NJSBAIG Commercial Package – 1 st Installment)		334,628.66
10.	Pottsgrove Glass Company, Inc. (Window Replacement – Hamilton Academy)		20,600.00
11. *	Soccer Coaches Association of New Jersey (Reservations – 41 st Annual All State Banquet)		120.00
12.	USA General Contracting (Roof Replacement – Elizabeth High School)		104,300.00
13.	Vanguard Modular Building Systems (Lease TCU's at School No. 2- December 2010/January 2011)		5,588.00

*Hand Check

**B. AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS
TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACCOUNT**

Recommended: That the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to transfer \$282,568.00 to the Workers' Compensation Account.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS 2010-2011

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FROM:		
11-000-100-562-94-00	Tuition- Public School	(4,245.00)
11-000-100-565-94-00	Tuition - Regional Day	(209,039.00)
11-000-100-599-94-00	Tuition-Private School	(750,000.00)
11-000-213-610-94-00-60	Nurse - Supplies	(1,100.00)
11-000-221-320-94-00-60	Purchased Professional	(620,000.00)
11-000-221-610-94-00-61	Office Supply	(700.00)
11-000-230-890-94-00-41	Miscellaneous Expense	(1,000.00)
11-000-291-270-00-00	Health Benefits	(25,000.00)
11-120-100-101-30-79	Teachers Salary 1-5	(3,000.00)
11-140-100-101-00-79	Teachers Salaries	(47,200.00)
11-421-100-101-23-83	Teacher After School	(5,000.00)
12-000-252-732-94-41-40	Non Instructional Equipment	(45,474.00)
		(1,711,758.00)
TO:		
11-000-291-290-00-00	Benefits Other	25,000.00
11-000-100-560-94-00	Transfer to Charter School	4,245.00
11-000-100-562-94-00	Tuition Public School	750,000.00
11-000-213-320-94-00-60	504 Related Services	1,100.00
11-000-217-320-94-00-60	Related Services	209,039.00
11-000-219-320-94-00-60	Related Services	620,000.00
11-000-221-890-94-00-61	Miscellaneous Expense	700.00
11-000-230-610-94-00-55	Office Supply	1,000.00
11-110-100-101-00-79	Teachers Salaries	9,000.00
11-120-100-101-00-79	Teachers Salaries	14,700.00
11-130-100-101-00-79	Teachers Salaries	26,500.00
11-190-100-610-94-41-40	Teaching Supplies	45,474.00
11-421-100-101-01-83	Teacher After School	5,000.00
		1,711,758.00
Total Fund 11		-
FROM:		
15-000-222-600-18-00	Library/Media Supply	(500.00)
15-000-222-600-23-00	Library/Media Supply	(800.00)
15-000-222-600-28-00	Library/Media Supply	(200.00)
15-000-222-600-84-00	Library/Media Supply	(1,000.00)
15-000-223-320-27-00	Instructional Staff Training	(900.00)
15-000-240-600-01-00	School Admin. Supply	(1,000.00)
15-000-240-600-27-00	School Admin. Supply	(1,500.00)
15-000-270-512-27-00	Field Trip Transportation	(3,000.00)

15-120-100-101-01-00	Teachers Salaries	(40,000.00)
15-120-100-101-04-00	Teachers Salaries	(50,000.00)
15-120-100-101-05-00	Teachers Salaries	(170,000.00)
15-120-100-101-06-00	Teachers Salaries	(100,000.00)
15-120-100-101-07-00	Teachers Salaries	(60,000.00)
15-120-100-101-12-00	Teachers Salaries	(56,000.00)
15-120-100-101-13-00	Teachers Salaries	(25,000.00)
15-120-100-101-14-00	Teachers Salaries	(50,000.00)
15-120-100-101-15-00	Teachers Salaries	(50,000.00)
15-120-100-101-18-00	Teachers Salaries	(13,000.00)
15-120-100-101-19-00	Teachers Salaries	(140,000.00)
15-120-100-101-20-00	Teachers Salaries	(25,000.00)
15-120-100-101-23-00	Teachers Salaries	(15,000.00)
15-120-100-101-30-00	Teachers Salaries	(15,000.00)
15-140-100-101-80-00	Teachers Salaries	(60,000.00)
15-140-100-101-82-00	Teachers Salaries	(30,000.00)
15-190-100-640-18-00	Textbooks	(2,000.00)
15-190-100-640-88-00-14	Instructional Supply	(1,000.00)
15-190-100-800-27-00	Miscellaneous	(1,300.00)
15-241-100-640-16-00	Bilingual Self Contained	(600.00)
15-241-100-610-16-00	Bilingual Self Contained	(100.00)
15-242-100-640-28-61	ESL Self Contained	(15.00)

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TO:

15-000-213-100-07-00	Nurse Salaries	15,000.00
15-000-218-104-05-00	Guidance Counselor Salaries	20,000.00
15-000-222-100-06-00	Librarian/Media Specialist	30,000.00
15-000-222-100-12-00	Librarian/Media Specialist	6,000.00
15-000-222-100-19-00	Librarian/Media Specialist	20,000.00
15-000-222-100-82-00	Librarian/Media Specialist	30,000.00
15-000-222-600-27-00	Library/Media Supply	6,700.00
15-000-240-600-23-00	School Admin. Supply	800.00
15-000-240-600-84-00	School Admin. Supply	1,000.00
15-000-260-110-18-30	Security Guard Salaries	13,000.00
15-000-260-110-20-30	Security Guard Salaries	25,000.00
15-120-100-101-07-00	Teachers Salaries	20,000.00
15-120-100-101-19-00-23	Teachers Salaries	30,000.00
15-130-100-101-07-00	Teachers Salaries	25,000.00
15-130-100-101-30-00-21	Teachers Salaries	15,000.00
15-190-100-610-16-00-01	Kindergartent Supply	100.00
15-190-100-610-18-00	Instructional Supply	2,500.00
15-190-100-610-28-00	Instructional Supply	200.00
15-190-100-610-88-00	Instructional Supply	1,000.00
15-190-100-800-01-00	Miscellaneous	1,000.00
15-202-100-106-23-00	Cognitive Moderate Assistant	15,000.00

Supplementary Finance Report
Transfer of Funds

Elizabeth, New Jersey
January 20, 2011

15-204-100-101-05-00	LLD Salaries	50,000.00
15-204-100-101-19-00	LLD Salaries	60,000.00
15-204-100-106-05-00	LLD Assistant Salaries	20,000.00
15-204-100-106-19-00	LLD Assistant Salaries	30,000.00
15-209-100-101-13-00	Teachers Salaries	25,000.00
15-213-100-101-04-00	Resource Room/Center	50,000.00
15-213-100-101-05-00	Resource Room/Center	60,000.00
15-213-100-101-12-000	Resource Room/Center	50,000.00
15-213-100-101-14-00	Resource Room/Center	50,000.00
15-241-100-101-01-01	Bilingual Kindergarten	20,000.00
15-241-100-101-80-00	Bilingual Self Contained	60,000.00
15-241-100-106-01-01	Assistants - Bilingual Salaries	20,000.00
15-241-100-106-05-01	Assistants - Bilingual Salaries	20,000.00
15-241-100-106-06-01	Assistants - Bilingual Salaries	20,000.00
15-241-100-610-16-00	Bilingual Self Contained	600.00
15-242-100-610-28-61	ESL Self Contained	15.00
15-243-100-101-06-00	Bilingual in Class Support	50,000.00
15-243-100-101-15-00	Bilingual in Class Support	50,000.00

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Award of Contracts Report
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Elizabeth, N.J., January 20, 2011

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the following:

CONTRACT WITH NUMBERS HEALTH & FITNESS

As recommended by Belinda Abruzzese, Principal George Washington School No. 1, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Numbers Health & Fitness, Perth Amboy, NJ, to provide a program entitled "Lunch & Learn" to staff of George Washington School, on January 26, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., there is no cost to the Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3.

AMEND CONTRACT WITH STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

As recommended by Jennifer Campel, Interim Principal, Nicholas S. La Corte – Peterstown School No. 3, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ, to conduct twenty (20) in-school professional development support sessions, December 20, 2010 through March 31, 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3.

Note: original approval at the 12/16/10 Board meeting, sessions through March 1, 2011

CONTRACT WITH WOLFINGTON BODY COMPANY

As recommended by Luis Couto, Director of Plant, Property and Equipment, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Wolfington Body Company, Mount Holly, NJ, for the purchase of one (1) handi-cap mini school bus, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$62,370.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

Wolfington Body Co., Mount Holly, NJ	\$62,370.00
American Bus & Coach, Trenton, NJ	\$64,245.00
* Jersey Shore Bus Sales, Toms River, NJ	\$55,611.00

* Note: bid not as per specifications

Specifications also sent to: Arcola Bus Sales, Carlstadt, NJ – Azure Dynamics, Woburn, MA - H.A. Dehart & Son, Thorofare, NJ – Truck King International, Keansburg, NJ.

AMEND CONTRACT WITH VILLANI BUS COMPANY

As recommended by Luis R. Couto, Director of Plant, Property and Equipment, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Villani Bus Company, Linden, NJ, to provide Nicholas S. LaCorte-Peterstown School No. 3 student transportation, route 03-2 and 03-3, the lowest responsible bidder, \$138.00 per route 03-2 and \$158.00 per route 03-3, plus cost of aide, in an amount not to exceed \$64,800.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A:39-4a.

As recommended by Luis R. Couto, Director of Plant, Property and Equipment, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Villani Bus Company, Linden, NJ, to provide Joseph Battin School No. 4 student transportation, route 04-1, the lowest responsible bidder, \$159.00 per route, plus cost of aide, in an amount not to exceed \$34,380.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A:39-4a.

As recommended by Luis R. Couto, Director of Plant, Property and Equipment, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Villani Bus Company, Linden, NJ, to provide Madison-Monroe School No. 16 student transportation, route 16-5, the lowest responsible bidder, \$189.00 per route, plus cost of aide, in an amount not to exceed \$39,780.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A:39-4a.

As recommended by Luis R. Couto, Director of Plant, Property and Equipment, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Villani Bus Company, Linden, NJ, to provide Nicholas Butler School No. 23 student transportation, route 23-1, the lowest responsible bidder, \$159.00 per route, plus cost of aide, in an amount not to exceed \$34,380.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A:39-4a.

As recommended by Luis R. Couto, Director of Plant, Property and Equipment, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Villani Bus Company, Linden, NJ, to provide Nicholas Butler School No. 27 student transportation, route 27-2, the lowest responsible bidder, \$135.00 per route, plus cost of aide, in an amount not to exceed \$30,360.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A:39-4a.

Note: original award at the 10/21/10 Board meeting did not include the cost of aide.

CONTRACT WITH PETERS CHEMICALS

As recommended by Luis Couto, Director of Plant, Property and Equipment, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Peters Chemicals, Hawthorne, NJ, for the purchase of calcium chloride pellets, and rock salt, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$30,120.30, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-4.

Peters Chemical Company, Hawthorne, NJ
T & B Specialties, Jackson, NJ
Main Pool & Chemical, DuPont, PA

Unit prices submitted
Unit prices submitted
Unit prices submitted

Specifications also sent to: Armac Industries, Roselle, NJ – Dart Seasonal Products, Woodmere, NY – Pabco, Newark, NJ – Prime Vendor, Wilmington, MD – Reed & Perine, Tennent, NJ – Supply King, Neptune, NJ – MCA Supply, Newark, NJ – Innovative Surface Solutions, Ontario, Canada – Paul Machinery, Moorestown, NJ – Oceanport, Claymont, DE – Eastern Minerals, Lowell MA.

CONTRACT WITH WINFIELD SCOTT BALLROOMS

As recommended by Michael Cummings, Interim Principal, Elizabeth High School, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Winfield Scott Ballrooms, Elizabeth, NJ, to provide facilities and refreshments for the Senior/Junior Winter Semi-Formal on February 11, 2011 from 7: 00 p. m. to 12: 00 a .m., there is no cost to the Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-5a(21).

CONTRACT WITH CTB/MCGRAW-HILL

As recommended by Amy L. Gil, Director of Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with CTB McGraw-Hill, Indianapolis, IN, to provide testing materials and scoring services for district wide testing programs, during the 2010-2011 school year, as a Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS), in an amount not to exceed \$73,563.33, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-5a(2).

CONTRACT FOR KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
FOR THOMAS A. EDISON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

As recommended by Robert J aspan, Purchasing Agent, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Culinary Depot, Monsey, NY, in an amount of \$7,981.41; Singer Equipment, Philadelphia, PA, in an amount of \$5,700.00; and Todd Devin Food Equipment, Yardley, PA, in an amount of \$14,946.00, the lowest responsible bidders in a total amount not to exceed \$28,627.41, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-4a

Culinary Depot, Monsey, NY	Unit Prices Submitted
Johnson's Restaurant Equipment, Neptune, NJ	Unit Prices Submitted
Singer Equipment, Philadelphia, PA	Unit Prices Submitted
Stein's Food Service Equipment, Pleasantville, PA	Unit Prices Submitted
Todd Devin Food Equipment, Yardley, PA	Unit Prices Submitted

Specifications also sent to:

Bunzl of New Jersey, Carteret, NJ - Calico Industries, Annapolis Junction, MD - Chris Peacock, Livingston, NJ - Corbo Hotel, Restaurant & Bar Supply, Inc. - Asbury Park, NJ - E & A Supply, Inc., Plainfield, NJ - Edward Don & Co., Plainfield, NJ - J.B. Machinery, Colonia, NJ - J.B. Prince Company, New York, NY - James J. Padakis, Inc., Florham Park, NJ - Ritter/Sysco, Jersey City, NJ - Douglas Equipment, Bluefield, WV - All American Poly, Piscataway, NJ.

CONTRACT WITH RICOH AMERICAS CORPORATION

As recommended by Robert J. Aspan, Purchasing Agent, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Ricoh Americas Corporation, Iselin, NJ, for the purchase of one (1) Ricoh C720 Pro Color printer, to be used by students attending Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$48,900.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-4a

Atlantic Business Products, Bloomfield, NJ	\$45,974.16
* Ricoh Americas Corporation, Iselin, NJ	\$48,900.00
** Cannon Business Solutions, Cranford, NJ	\$43,038.00

* Bid includes a "personal training assistant" 24/7, toner provided at a discounted price. Information provided by Denis McSorley, Jefferson Arts Academy

** Note: bid not as specified

Specifications also sent to: Ikon Office Solutions, Fairfield, NJ – Ricoh Business Solutions, Fairfield, NJ – United Business Solutions, Fairfield, NJ.

CONTRACT WITH JANET CELI "TOP OF THE CLASS"

As recommended by Jamie J. Leavitt, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Janet Celi, "Top of the Class", Mt. Laurel, NJ, to provide services for two (2) hours of Training, Handouts, Taste Testing Products, Plus travel expense, in an amount not to exceed \$925.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-3.

CONTRACT WITH GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Global Knowledge, Chicago, IL, to provide training courses for technicians from the Technology and Information Department, in the installation, utilization and repair of the district wide phone system, from January 5, 2011 through January 31, 2012, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS), in an amount not to exceed \$37,900.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-5a(2).

CONTRACT WITH CUSTOM COMPUTER SPECIALISTS

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Custom Computer Specialists, Hauppauge, NY, to provide Cisco hardware maintenance to district, July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, vendor's E-rate Spin No. is 143004965, in an amount not to exceed \$85,988.24, the RFP was posted on the Elizabeth Public Schools and SL website for 28 days, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(20).

RFP's also received from:

Promedia Technology Services, Inc.	\$ 98,866.00
Verizon Business	\$116,635.78

CONTRACT WITH PROMEDIA TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, INC.

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Promedia Technology Services, Inc., Little Falls, NJ, to provide on-site technical support to plan and implement the required maintenance for the e-rate eligible NOS, network equipment and network cabling for the district, July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, vendor's E-rate Spin No. is 143004851, in an amount not to exceed \$67,768.00, the RFP was posted on the Elizabeth Public Schools and SLC website for 28 days, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(20).

RFP's also received from:

Custom Computer Specialists, Inc.	\$ 90,000.00
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CONTRACT WITH TELVUE CORPORATION

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with TelVue Corporation, Mt Laurel, NJ, to provide Peg-TV setup VOD, plus streaming TV channel on the internet and provide on demand viewing for district communications services, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3.

CONTRACT WITH XETA TECHNOLOGIES

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Xeta Technologies, Flanders, NJ, to provide Nortel PBX phone system maintenance, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, vendor's E-rate Spin No. is 143023127, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00, the RFP was posted on the Elizabeth Public Schools and SLC website for 28 days, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(20).

RFP's also received from:

Telequest communications technologies, Inc.	\$ 38,100.00
NACR	\$ 46,282.40
Heavy Water, LTD	\$ 48,510.00
United Worldwide Communications, LLC	\$103,812.00

CONTRACT WITH MICROSOFT CORPORATION

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA, for renewal of Microsoft Premier Support Services, from March 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS), in amount not to exceed \$61,020.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(2).

CONTRACT WITH HARDWARE.COM

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Hardware.com, Minneapolis, MN, to provide Cisco Networking Equipment, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, vendor's E-rate Spin No. is 143025816, in an amount not to exceed \$352,298.90, the RFP was posted on the Elizabeth Public Schools and SLC website for 28 days, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(20).

RFP's also received from:

CDI Computer Dealers, Inc.	\$383,684.00
Custom Computer Specialists, Inc.	\$389,219.32
Verizon Business-Gov-Ed	\$408,635.31
ProMedia Technology Services, Inc.	\$435,612.80
OBS-Office Business Systems	\$578,883.30

CONTRACT WITH HARDWARE.COM

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Hardware.com, Minneapolis, MN, for the purchase of Cisco Telephone Equipment, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$135,158.93, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4a.

Hardware.com, Minneapolis, MN	\$135,158.93
Promedia Technology Services, Little Falls, NJ	\$148,885.00
Verizon Business, Piscataway, NJ	\$152,275.30
Transnet Corporation, Somerville, NJ	\$193,500.00

Specifications also sent to: Eplus, Pottstown, PA – High Point Solutions, Sparta, NJ – Verizon, Edison, NJ – Prime Vendor, Wilmington, NC – Improcom, Brooklyn, NY.

CONTRACT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Verizon Wireless, Basking Ridge, NJ, to provide wireless phone service, 36,900 shared minutes for district cell phones, July 1, 2011-June 30, 2013, vendor's E-rate Spin No. is 143000677, state contract a-64428, in an amount not to exceed \$4,495.95 per month, the RFP was posted on the Elizabeth Public Schools and SLC website for 28 days, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(20).

RFP's also received from:

Coast to Coast Cellular Inc.	24,700 shared minutes	\$4,346.80/month
T-Mobile USA	unlimited shared minutes	\$4,797.95/month
Met-Tel	47,250 shared minutes	\$5,484.10/month

CONTRACT WITH VERIZON BUSINESS

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Verizon Business, Piscataway, NJ, only vendor to respond to RFP, to provide district wide local phone service, July 1, 2011 -June 30, 2012, vendor's E-rate Spin No. is 143001362, in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 per month, the RFP was posted on the Elizabeth Public Schools and SLC website for 28 days, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(20).

AWARD CONTRACT WITH CDWG

As recommended by Susan Mettlen, Director of Technology and Information Systems, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with CDWG, Vernon Hills, IL, for the purchase of computer memory modules, the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$47,980.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4a.

CDWG, Vernon Hills, IL	\$47,980.00
N-Synch Technologies, Laguna Niguel, CA	\$49,500.00
Transnet Corporation, Somerville, NJ	\$58,000.00

Specifications also sent to: Crucial Technology, Meridian, ID – PC Mall Gov, Manassas, VA – Prime Vendor, Wilmington, NC – Monster Memory & More, San Clemente, CA – EDC Systems, Lafayette, CA – Data Memory Systems, Salem, NH.

AMEND CONTRACT WITH TRINITAS CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Trinitas Children's Therapy Services, Cranford, NJ, to provide in-district occupational and physical therapy services, and services for students attending out-of-district schools, for the 2010-2011 school year, in an amount of \$10,000.00, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS), in an amount not to exceed \$839,039.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(2).

Note: original approval at the 8/19/10 Board meeting, there was a calculation error.

AMEND CONTRACT WITH VISTA REHAB SERVICES, PA

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary & Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Vista Rehab Services, PA Woodbridge, NJ, to provide Therapy Services Including Individual Treatment Sessions, Program Sessions, Progress Notes and Other Administrative Functions during the 2010-2011 school year, a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3.

Note: original approval at the 8/19/10 Board meeting in an amount of \$20,000.00, additional services needed for students.

AMEND CONTRACT WITH SHARING COMMUNICATIONS

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary & Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Sharing Communications, Westfield, NJ, to provide speech and language therapy services to students attending district schools, during the 2010-2011 school year, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS), in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(2).

Note: original approval at the 8/19/10 Board meeting in an amount of \$50,000.00, additional services needed for students.

CONTRACT WITH SCHOLASTIC EDUCATION GROUP

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Scholastic Education Group, St. Charles, IL, to provide additional READ 180 EE student licenses Stage A, and eBooks Stage A, for district students, in a amount not to exceed \$14,834.98, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(19).

CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES/CEREBRAL PALSY OF NEW JERSEY

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Advanced Opportunities/Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ, to conduct an assistive technology evaluation and three (3) hours of support training, for student N.R., during the 2010-2011 school, in an amount not to exceed \$1,017.50, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3.

CONTRACT WITH CALDWELL PEDIATRIC THERAPY CENTER

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Caldwell Pediatric Therapy Center, West Caldwell, NJ, to provide occupational and physical therapy services for student A.S., during the 2010-2011 school, at a cost of \$45.00 per session plus cost of four reports and IP meeting if needed, in an amount not to exceed \$4,140.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3.

CONTRACT WITH KATZENBACH SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Katzenbach School For The Deaf, Trenton, NJ, to conduct a psychological evaluation, education evaluation and a speech/language evaluation, plus staffing, for student E.d L-C, during the 2010-2011 school year, at a cost of \$400.00 per evaluation, plus \$15.00 for staffing, in an amount not to exceed \$1,350.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3.

CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SERVICES

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education enter into contract with Professional Education Services, Glassboro, NJ, to provide educational instruction services for student A. R., attending High Focus Centers of Cranford, NJ, at a cost of \$40.87 per hour, during the 2010-2011 school, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:18A-3.

AMEND CONTRACT WITH AXIOM LINK

As recommended by Michael Ojeda, Interim Director of Elementary & Secondary Education, that the Elizabeth Board of Education amend contract with Axiom Link, New York, NY, NJ, to provide speech/language services to students attending district schools, on an as needed basis, during the 2010-2011 school year, in an amount of \$50,000.00, at the rate of \$85.00 per hour, and the rate of \$250.00 for each bilingual evaluation, as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service (EUS), in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(2).

Note: original approval at the 8/19/10 Board meeting in an amount of \$50,000.00, additional services needed for students.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, African-Americans have played a highly significant role in the development of our great democratic society and in all aspects of national, state and local life, and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Board of Education recognizes that it is within the school community that pride in our nation's history and an appreciation for the experiences and contributions of men and women of all racial, religious and ethnic groups are developed, and

WHEREAS, assisting students in the acquisition of accurate information and the development of positive concepts concerning African-American history is an integral part of our curriculum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the month of February 2011 be designated as

"African-American Heritage Month"

to promote awareness of the valuable contributions of African-Americans, past and present, to all aspects of American Life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all principals and librarians in the Elizabeth Public Schools to encourage the development of programs, activities, and displays in recognition of the important role African-American men and women have played in the birth, growth and development of our country.

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Y**BOARD OF EDUCATION****RESOLUTION****CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education Programs seek to assist students in attaining a maximum level of achievement in the fulfillment of their potential as human beings, and

WHEREAS, our schools are designed to assist each student in developing economic independence along with civic and social responsibility, and

WHEREAS, our Career and Technical Education Programs guide our students in their pursuit of occupational and academic excellence, assist them in the acquisition of entry-level skills and lead them to aspire to meaningful careers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Elizabeth Board of Education do hereby proclaim the month of February 2011, as

“Career and Technical Education Month”

and urge all citizens to visit our occupation/technical classes to observe the ability and skills of our youngsters and the state-of-the-art technology that is an integral part of these programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all principals and librarians in the Elizabeth Public Schools to encourage student interest in occupational/technical programs and to focus attention on all of our program offerings during Career and Technical Education Month.

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Y**BOARD OF EDUCATION****RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in 1820 in Dorchester, County, Maryland, and

WHEREAS, in her youth, Harriet Tubman served as a field hand and a house servant on a Maryland plantation, and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman's burning quest for independence and dignity led to her decision to run away, traveling more than one-hundred miles to escape from slavery, and

WHEREAS, despite the excitement of personal freedom, Harriet Tubman was saddened by the knowledge that her friends and family were still living as slaves, and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman, with courage and determination, worked to establish the "Underground Railroad," a network of routes through forests and fields and across rivers which offered safe passage to escaping slaves, and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman personally made a total of nineteen journeys to lead more than 300 slaves, including her parents, to freedom, and

WHEREAS, Harriet Tubman has earned the love, respect and admiration of our nation for her role as the "Moses of the Black People."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that appropriate studies and activities be planned in all of our district's schools to honor Harriet Tubman, a woman whose life was dedicated to assisting others achieve the freedom and independence so important to the human spirit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all principals and media specialists in the Elizabeth Public Schools.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Board of Education recognized the importance of Children's Dental Health Month which is observed nationwide during the month of February, and

WHEREAS, the Elizabeth Board of Education is aware that the observance of Children's Dental Health Month helps to emphasize the need to establish good dental health habits early in life, and

WHEREAS, early recognition of the importance of regular check-ups will promote good dental hygiene in adulthood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Elizabeth Board of Education do hereby proclaim the month of February 2011, as

"Children's Dental Health Month"

to foster the development of good health in children and adults.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all principals, librarians and nurses in the Elizabeth Public Schools to encourage continuing instruction about good dental health habits.

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Y**BOARD OF EDUCATION****RESOLUTION****NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK**

WHEREAS, school counselors have a significant impact in the lives of our children, directing them in positive directions and leading them to successful futures, and

WHEREAS, the dedicated service of guidance counselors and the relationships they forge with their students go beyond the surface of education, rooting deeper into the personal lives of their students by offering their compassion and empathy, and

WHEREAS, school counselors help develop students and the pathway they travel towards prominence by helping select classes for student schedules, walking students through the college admissions and career choice process and communicating with their students in a warm, friendly manner, and

WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children, and

WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves, and

WHEREAS, school counselors serve as a valuable resource to our children in creating well-adjusted ladies and gentlemen who become upstanding members of our community and to society as a whole, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as a sign of appreciation and recognition for the outstanding and invaluable work of guidance counselors, the Elizabeth Board of Education hereby proclaims the week of February 7-11, 2011, as

“National School Counseling Week”

and urges members of the community to acknowledge the wonderful job our school counselors perform to ensure the advancement of our children towards a brighter and prosperous future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all principals and media specialists to encourage the observance of “**National School Counseling Week**” in our district’s schools.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN REVIEW

RECOMMENDED: That the Corrective Action Plan for the District Attendance Reporting Review - Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) Report of Examination be approved and submitted to OFAC.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN REVIEW

RECOMMENDED: That the Corrective Action Plan for the ARRA Monitoring Report April 2010 be approved and submitted to NJ Department of Education.