

Denville Community is Asked to Complete School Communications Survey

Community Responses Will Help Shape Denville School District's Communications Plan

Reviewing and streamlining communications for consistency and effectiveness is at the heart of “GOAL #4” as outlined on the Denville Township Board of Education’s 2023-2024 list of “District and Board Goals.”

As a first step in developing the district’s upcoming communications plan, all Denville Township school community members are encouraged to complete the district’s brief Communications Survey. The link to the Denville Township School District’s Communications Survey can be found on-line at: www.denville.org.

“The goal of this survey is to help the district build the most effective communications plan possible as our school community continues to grow and move forward with innovation, achievement, and involvement in our community,” said Superintendent Dr. Steven Forte.

“GOAL #4” is stated as: “Develop a plan for consistent and streamlined community communications.”

Parents, students, faculty, staff, business owners, residents, and community organizations, are asked to complete the Denville Township School District’s Communications Survey. The survey is available to the community from January 23 through February 7, 2024.

“Communication is always a district priority,” Forte emphasized. “Based on innovations, and changes in how people communicate, we often review, expand, and adjust our communication initiatives. As we look toward the 2024-2025 school year, we are asking

for the community to share their thoughts on the communications tools we have implemented. We want to know how we are doing, and how we can improve. The comments and suggestions of all stakeholders will help to guide the school district's future communications plans.”

In addition to the survey, a 10-member Communications Committee of parents and faculty has been formed. Their goals over the next three months will be to:

- Evaluate current internal and external communications system for all stakeholders
- Develop a plan for implementing improvements of the communications systems
- Make recommendations to the Superintendent

To achieve these goals, research in specific communications areas will be conducted.

Additional surveys may also be issued to the community. A presentation of recommendations will be made to the BOE in May.

Since September, the Denville Township District and Board of Education has researched and implemented changes to achieve each of their four 2023-2024 stated goals. In addition to the development of a communications plan (“GOAL #4”), the 2023-2024 list of “District and Board Goals” includes:

- “Increase achievement for all students inclusive of all curriculum areas” (“GOAL #1”)
- “Continue to develop the Tiered Systems of Support to service student/staff mental health needs and promote success for all students” (“GOAL #2”)
- “Continue to investigate, plan, and communicate options for expansion of the current buildings to accommodate possible increases in student population” (“GOAL #3”).

All members of the Denville Township community are asked to participate in the development of the district's communications plan by taking the Denville Township School District's Communications Survey. The survey link can be found on

www.denville.org, or people may access the survey directly at <https://bit.ly/3SsT9zB> .

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