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Wayne Township Public Schools Issues New Mission Statement Supporting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Goal

(Wayne, New Jersey) - The Wayne Township Board of Education received a new Mission Statement at the December 21, 2020 Board Meeting. The new Mission Statement reflects the national consciousness toward inclusion of all our community members and is an extension of the diversity, equity, and inclusion goal established by the Board of Education on August 6, 2020. In addition to the new Mission Statement, the Board of Education heard an update regarding progress being made in support of this important goal. Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation.

The Mission Statement was developed and written by a diverse committee of stakeholders from the elementary, middle and high schools. Teachers, counselors and parents worked collaboratively under the direction of Packanack School Principal, Roger Rogalin to identify key ideas and phrases that were then developed into the final draft of the Mission Statement. The committee was guided by Ms. Tamika Reese, a consultant with extensive experience in public education at all levels of responsibility. Ms. Reese provided the background and inspiration for the committee members.

The committee members were: Talaya Hampton and Kim Mapp from Wayne Valley HS; Kelly Venezia-Crilly, Sarah Schillaci, and John Terry from Wayne Hills HS; Sabrina Brewer from Schuylers-Colfax MS; Kate Marcinowski from Anthony Wayne MS; Patricia Montini from George Washington MS; Denise Malone from James Fallon; Jamie Morano from Ryerson; Claire Donohue from JFK ; Michelle Maturo from A.P. Terhune, and parent representative: Brad Siegal.

Writers of the final draft reviewed by the committee were Ms. Brewer, Ms. Schillaci and Mr. Terry.

Here is the Wayne Township Public Schools Mission Statement:

The Wayne Township Public School District is strengthened by the collective efforts of its community to raise informed, inquisitive and compassionate members of society.

We are committed to delivering a culturally responsive, critically engaging curriculum for students of all backgrounds. We provide instruction that is academically rigorous and affirms the humanity and dignity of all learners. We are dedicated to a constant evaluation of our current systems and policies and enact necessary changes to ensure equity and opportunity for all. Under the guiding principle that education is a human right, we provide students with equitable access to education that empowers them to positively engage in our democratic society and contribute to the global community.

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