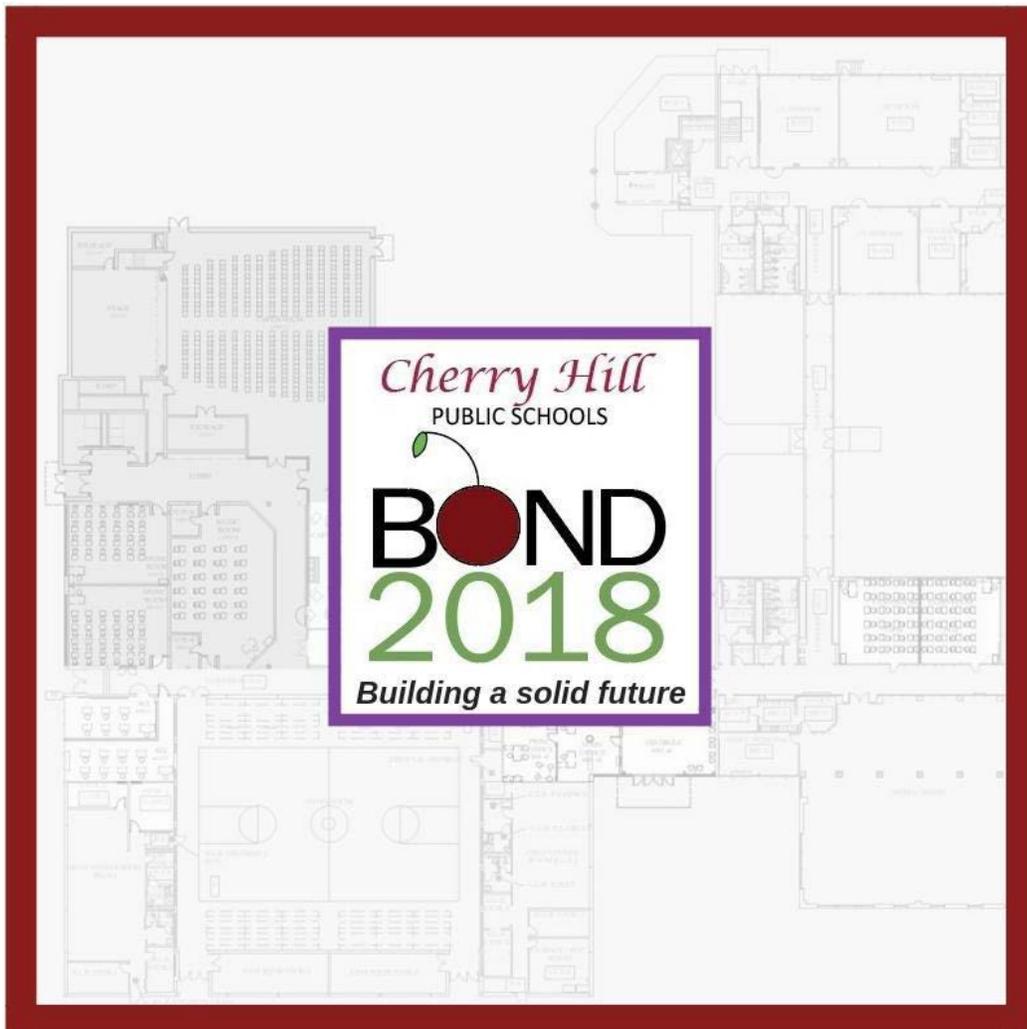


A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 5, 2018

Bond 2018: Building a Solid Future

The Board of Education on October 2 approved the three proposals for the bond referendum special election on December 11, 2018. Here's what that means.

Happy October! I am pleased to report that the Board of Education at a Special Action Meeting on October 2 approved the three proposals ("questions") that comprise the bond referendum, which will be up for vote in a special election on December 11, 2018. The bond referendum's development began more than 10 years ago with discussion about issues with our facilities. After two years of community surveys and conversations, Strategic Planning Committee work, architectural, engineering and security analyses, and an exhaustive financial planning process, the bond has come to fruition!

We have a [link on the District web site, in the center of the home page](#), which takes you to a plethora of information about the bond, including details about the projects planned for each of our schools. For those who weren't around or are too young to remember the last CHPS bond referendum in 1999, I'd like to explain what a bond is. Bonds are a way for school districts to raise money – which they then must pay back over a period of years – typically to finance building projects or other capital projects. We are putting this bond up for vote now because in 2019, CHPS will be debt free, making this the ideal

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOLS CLOSED

October 8

Teacher In-Service Day

Board of Education Candidates' Forum

October 10 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

Volley for Support

October 12 @ 5:30 pm

Cherry Hill High School
East

1750 Kresson Road

Board of Education Action Meeting

October 16 @ 7pm

Malberg Administration
Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

November 5 @ 6 pm

James Johnson
Elementary School
Library/Media Center

500 Kresson Rd

Curriculum &

time to borrow money to address the needs of our aging infrastructure and to update our building security and safety.

When you visit the Bond 2018 page, among other information you'll see a link to our [Tax Impact Calculator](#). You'll be able to enter the assessed value of your home and see the estimated tax impact from the passage of Question 1, the passage of Question 1 and 2, and the passage of Questions 1, 2 and 3. From the beginning, we knew Question 1 would not raise property taxes. As you'll see on the Tax Impact Calculator, the passage of Question 1 actually will result in *tax savings* to property owners.

I look forward to continuing conversation about the bond as the special election on December 11 approaches. Mark your calendars for our [community conversations about the bond](#). And please be sure to submit your questions to our [Quick Question](#) portal. Stay connected to our latest news via our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) platforms.

I have the great honor today to present in several sessions at the Character.org 2018 National Forum on Character! Not only is it thrilling to celebrate the Cherry Hill Public Schools community as a National District of Character (**WE** are one of only 5 districts in the country to earn the award), it is wonderful to learn from other educators around the country as they share their ideas and initiatives to strengthen the character in their schools.

Please congratulate yourselves for the role you and your children have played in our achievement as a National District of Character! Continue to talk at home about how to be kind. Model kindness in your everyday life. Exhibiting kindness is an active choice that we must make, every day. It goes beyond being nice. Be kind, please, to one another.

Enjoy the lovely long weekend, as we are closed on Monday for a teacher in-service day.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

[Instruction Committee Meeting](#)

November 5 @ 7 pm
James Johnson
Elementary School
Library/Media Center
500 Kresson Rd

[ELECTION DAY](#)

November 6

[Business & Facilities Committee Meeting](#)

November 7 @ 6 pm
Joyce Kilmer Elementary
School Library/Media
Center
2900 Chapel Ave

[Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

November 7 @ 7 pm
Joyce Kilmer Elementary
School Library/Media
Center
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[SCHOOLS CLOSED](#)

November 8 & 9



Deadline Approaches for Parents Who Wish to Join Special Education Parent Advisory Group

The Cherry Hill Public Schools seeks parents to become part of the new Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG), which will provide opportunities for parents and community members to offer input to the District on critical issues relating to students with disabilities. SEPAG will be composed of one parent/guardian from each of the 19 schools in the District, as well as a parent/guardian representing out-of-district students. [A flyer with details about SEPAG](#) is available online. Additionally, [a letter](#) regarding the group formation process as well the [interest form to be considered for the group](#) are available online. **The deadline for submission is October 12, 2018.**



Board of Education Candidate Biographies Now Available

Curious about the 11 candidates running for the three open Board of Education seats in this year's November 6 election? [Biographies of the candidates are now available online.](#)

Biographies are published as submitted by the candidates, unedited.

The BOE Candidates Forum, in which all candidates are invited to participate and answer voters' questions, will take place on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 pm in the Malberg Administration Building. Moderated by the League of Women Voters, the forum also will be live streamed.

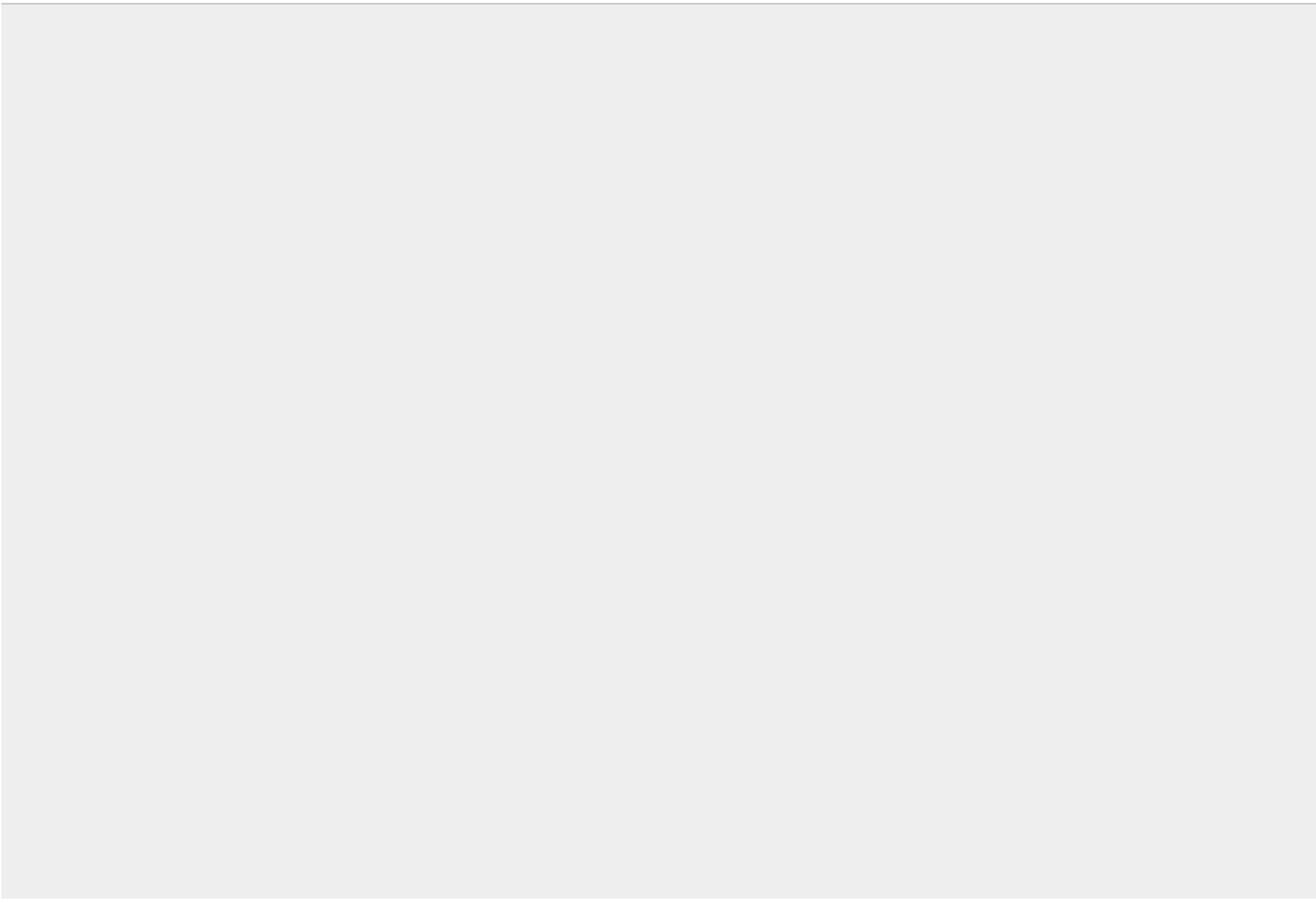


CHPS Students Named Semifinalists and Commended Students in National Merit Scholarship Competition

Congratulations to the following high school seniors for their achievements in the [National Merit Scholarship Competition](#):

Semifinalists: Ilana Arougheti
Vivan Dinh
Katherine Hu
Sizhe Liang
Jacob Manders
Ellis Schwartz
Saurabh Shah
Marina Shi
Vidya Shunmugasundaram
Cherisse Xu
Sonia M. Kangaju
Catherine D. Werkmeister
Robert J. Young

Commended Students: Sonia M. Kangaju
Catherine D. Werkmeister
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