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State of New Jersey
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New Jersey State Board of Education Announces Plans for State System of Assessments

At their September 2019 meeting, the New Jersey State Board of Education announced its plans regarding the state assessments:

Administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments will continue until at least 2021. The intent is to eliminate this assessment and replace it with a new assessment by the 2022-2023 school year.

A planned elimination of 10th grade tests. Beginning in 2020-2021, annual testing will occur only in grades 3 through 9 and 11. The 11th grade "exit test" remains as per state law.

This fall the New Jersey Department of Education will issue requests for proposals for the next generation of assessments.

During the 2021-2022 academic year, there will be a field test of the next generation of assessments in grades 3 to 9 and an administration of the 11th grade graduation assessment (by court order, the NJDOE is required to administer an 11th grade graduation assessment for the class of 2023 and beyond).

The full implementation of the next generation of assessments will occur in the 2022-2023 school year.

New Jersey Schools #1 in National Education Week Report Card

New Jersey's public schools sit atop a national ranking issued by the Education Week Research Center. In September, Education Week released its 23rd annual ranking of the country's public

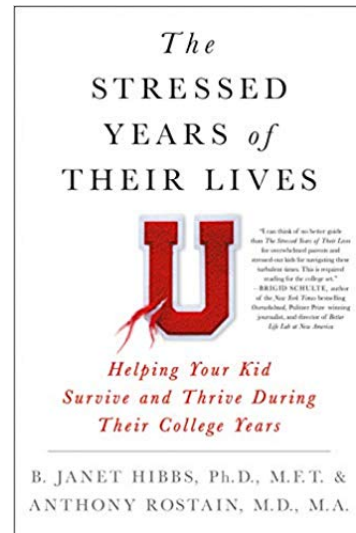
schools and for the first time New Jersey achieved the top honor. Education Week gave New Jersey excellent grades for its commitment to funding public schools, as well as its dedication to improving achievement in impoverished neighborhoods and pre-school education. New Jersey students consistently register high levels of achievement when measured through other factors, such as the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP).

**Parent Book Club to Feature
*The Stressed Years of Their Lives:
Helping Your Kid Survive and Thrive
During Their College Years***

On Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Montville Township Public Schools Superintendent Rene Rovtar will host a book discussion of *The Stressed Years of Their Lives: Helping Your Kid Survive and Thrive During Their College Years* by B. Janet Hibbs, Ph.D, M.F.T, and Anthony Rostain, M.D., M.A.

"This wonderful book defines and explores the many varied minefields of the college years with candor and compassion, and provides parents with practical advice and support about what to look for, what to ask and say, and when and how to intervene...I am grateful that there is now this long-overdue and extraordinary guide. It should be required reading for all parents." - Judith Rodin, former provost of Yale University and president emerita of the University of Pennsylvania.

"I can think of no better guide than 'The Stressed Years of Their Lives' for overwhelmed parents and stressed-out kids for navigating these turbulent times. This is required reading for the college set." - Brigid Schulte, author of the New York Times bestselling "Overwhelmed," Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, and Director of Better Life Lab at New America.



The discussion will take place in the Montville Township High School Media Center from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please email Dr. Rovtar at Rene.Rovtar@montville.net to register.

Bits and Pieces....

Congratulations to six MTHS seniors who have been named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. These students are part of a group of 16,000 students nationwide who will go on to compete for scholarships that will be awarded next spring. The semi-finalists represent less than 1% of all U.S. high school seniors. Montville's semi-finalists are: Srikar S. Gudimella, Kiara Moon, Jay S. Mulay, Hailey Quinn, Mira Sapozhnikiv, and Christine W. Sun.

Six MTHS students earned the Academic All American Award from the National Speech and Debate Association. Kudos to Cameron Ko, Andrew Lin, Kevin Mao, Mariam Mohsin, Christine Sun and Jenny Sun. This distinction places these students among the top 1% in the county of student members of the National Speech and Debate Association.




School News

Two current MTHS Seniors, Ashley Westergaard and Emili Dimoski built a bunk bed in their Woods III class last school year. On Saturday, September 7, 2019, Don Morgenroth, (the woods teacher), delivered the bunk bed to a new Family Promise housing development in Dover, NJ.

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