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Dear ETSD Families,

Highlights this week: Full Day Schedule Resumes This Monday, March 1; Important Meals Info for Cohorts A and AB; 2021-22 Budget; Community Activities Page Update; MS Civic Opportunity; and Black History Month, our History Local and Global.

Full Day Schedule Resumes This Monday, March 1

This Monday, March 1, as planned since December, we are resuming our full day schedule. *This means starting Monday our schools will follow regular dismissal times--no more five hour shortened day schedule, which served its purpose in getting us through the winter. Our Cohorts--A, B, AB, and R--remain in place.* Next week's temperatures can enable outside eating and are the same as or higher than temperatures in December when we last used our full day schedule. This week's NJ COVID activity level report linked below shows continuing decrease statewide, and, just like the last two weeks, the lowest activity level among all NJ regions is in our Southwest region, back down to levels last seen in October.

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_19_Report_Week_2021_7.pdf

Our district has been following CDC guidance, including the 6 feet social distancing standard, all year and is working to help more students come in, classroom by classroom, seat by seat, dependent on variables like room size and the number of remote students in a given class. Every district exists in order to safely serve students--first, last, foremost. At this point, about half of our in-person students are Cohort AB, and that number is continuing to grow.

Important Meals Info for Cohorts A and AB

Cohort A and AB students who received meal delivery at home on Wednesday, February 24 will need to bring their lunches with them to school on Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2.

2021-22 Budget

The [Preliminary 2021-22 Budget Presentation](#) from last evening's Board meeting linked here is located on our district website under the Business Office Budget and Finance webpage. The Board meeting was live streamed and is viewable here [ETSD Board Meeting 2.25.21](#) on Youtube, as are all our meetings. The tentative 2021-22 budget will be presented and recommended for approval at our March 11 Board meeting to be submitted to the county office. Final budget approval takes place at our May 6 Board meeting. As explained through the presentation, our district must cut more money from our upcoming budget than ever before from a yearly budget.



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Community Activities Page Update

Please see the latest community page additions, regarding the Evesham Youth Advisory Committee and Marlton Rec Spring Baseball. https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities

MS Civic Opportunity

The Evesham Township Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) will hold its annual "Open House" virtually through Zoom on Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 pm. Open to any Evesham student in grades six and up who is interested in government and community service. Members of YAC learn how our government performs on a local level, while volunteering for community activities to help to improve the quality of life in town and earn service hours. To attend the Open House through Zoom, those interested can use the link at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87409799161?pwd=NTA4SnVzOFh3QytjaGEva3MwajBVQT09>

- About YAC: <https://evesham-nj.org/boards/yac>
- About YAC Open House:
<https://evesham-nj.org/government/forms/youth-advisory-documents/yac-documents/616-yac-open-house-flyer/file>

Black History Month, our History Local and Global

At last evening's Board meeting, I recognized the importance of this month as Black History Month, and, in part as we live in an area so rich in history, I dedicated a few words to a woman who, this Sunday, 104 years ago, was born fourteen miles from here in Philadelphia, where she also lived as an adult, and who was celebrated for her once-in-a-century singing voice worldwide, by royalty and regular folks alike, sadly long before she was recognized here in America, where, because she was black, she was denied opportunities to perform and was forced, for example, to ride in segregated train cars. Her name was Marion Anderson. She broke many barriers. There is a museum to her in Philadelphia. This article [Denied A Stage. She Sang For A Nation](#) includes a link to her singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1939 for a crowd of thousands.

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith
Superintendent of Schools