

GLASSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GLASSBORO, NEW JERSEY

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FROM THE
CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Dr. Robert Preston

September 23, 2020

I. **GLASSBORO ALTERNATIVE EVENING HIGH SCHOOL**
Denise Barr, Head Teacher

II. **STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

A. **English As A Second Language**
Rona Johnson: ESL Teacher Pre-K – 2nd Grade

B. **Title I - Basic Skills Improvement Program**

Carrie Owens: Basic Skills Coordinator
J. Harvey Rodgers School

Gianna Leto: Basic Skills Teacher
J. Harvey Rodgers School

Amy Masso-Ferrer: Supervisor of Basic Skills
Dorothy L. Bullock School

Lisa Rencher: Basic Skills Coordinator
Thomas E. Bowe School

Language Arts: Andrea Locastro
Thomas E. Bowe School

Language Arts: Michelle Meehan
Intermediate School

Mathematics: Wayne Rulon
High School

Language Arts: Thomas Struck
High School

Language Arts: Maureen Morrison
High School

III. **CURRICULUM**

A. **Field Trips**

Field trips for the month August 2020: none

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B. **Curriculum Committees:**

The following curriculum committees met during the month of August 2020:
None

IV. **PERSONNEL**

A. **New Staff Members**

The following staff members were hired or transferred to another position during the month of August:

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| Christa Taylor | Substitute Nurse | Rodgers |
| Allison Struble | Grade 2 Teacher | Bullock |
| Karen DeFrank | PT Library Media Specialist | District |
| Amy Masso-Ferrer | Supervisor of Basic Skills | District |

Vacancies

Interim ELA/Social Studies Supervisor

B. **Substitute Teachers**

From this point on all potential Substitutes are being referred to ESS/Source4Teachers.

V. **MISCELLANEOUS**

I want to highlight several important items from the start of the school year.

New Teacher Orientation

New Teacher Orientation looked different this year. We were unable to take our annual bus trip through the borough given the circumstances surrounding COVID-19. We plan on taking this trip two weeks before we would return to in-person learning.

New teachers were given laptops, pertinent employment information, and were introduced to our book study, Natalie Wexler's *The Knowledge Gap*.

Start of School

We opened the GPSD Online Academy on September 8th. Principals, supervisors and teachers worked diligently to iron out technology challenges and respond to families' concerns. Teachers broadcast live lessons to generally large classroom audiences—attendance hovered around the 90% mark district-wide.

Survey results on the start of the year indicated some frustration from parents regarding technology—these results and feedback were crucial for the administrative team to implement necessary changes and fix tech infrastructure issues. Parents, however, overwhelmingly praised teachers and administrators for their responsiveness in handling problems as they arose. We appreciate the support of our community daily! We will continue to use built-in professional development time on Wednesdays to get better and better each week at delivering instruction online.

Our opening week speaker, Principal Baruti Kefele, inspired teachers to close what he calls "The Attitude Gap". Since our theme this year revolves around so called "gaps" in education, we want to find ways to more effectively deliver content-rich curriculum to our students and at the same time help our students develop the dispositions necessary for meaningful learning to take place.