

Superintendent Report

February, 2025

HIB Report

No reports

QSAC:

New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Results

North Haledon School District

Cohort 2: 2024-2025

- Based on data and information from 2022-2023
- Minimum required score is 80%

QSAC Areas	Placement
Instruction and Programming (test scores, growth and curriculum)	73%
Fiscal Management (audits, contracts, financial reporting)	100%
Governance (Board policies, ethics regulations)	87%
Operations (state reporting, safety drills)	98%
Personnel (teacher training, teacher evaluation, personnel files)	97%

Next QSAC Date: 2026-2027 (lookback year will be 2025-2026)

District Improvement Plan for Instruction and Programming

- 3 goals: show improvement in ELA, Math and Science scores
- Improving curricular programs, aligning grade levels and implementing a district wide assessment to track progress for students
- Increase meaningful PD for teachers in core subject areas
- Encourage more school to home collaboration in academic areas

Agenda Items:

- Approval of BSI teacher—will be at HMS to fill last open position
- Approval of the 25-26 school calendar
 - Highlights: First day of school will be September 4.
 - Moving to a Monday-Tuesday break in February for President's Day
 - Last day with 3 snow days is June 22

School Reports

BOE Report February

Memorial & HMS

Kindergarten registration is taking place for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have a child or know of a child in North Haledon who will be five years old by October 1, 2025, please refer to the registration information on the website and attached.

On the first Monday of February HMS students had a great visit from Kobe, a therapy dog, and Gibbs, a seeing eye dog in training. Students got to meet the dogs and learn a little about them. There will be more visits from these dogs to ensure all students have a chance to learn about them.

Yesterday, Memorial School students celebrated the 100th day of school! Students enjoyed dressing as they are 100 years old or wearing 100 of an item. Students were extremely creative and enjoyed celebrating the day. Students took part in various activities in class to connect 100 days of learning.

HMS Student Council hosted spirit week last week and had their second school dance on Friday, February 7th. The theme of the dance was Super Bowl Sweethearts. Thank you to the North Haledon PTO for sponsoring our DJ. Student Council also sold candy grams in honor of Valentine's Day.

Memorial School students enjoyed attending the PTO Sweetheart Dance! Students and staff had a great time and enjoyed the Wicked theme! Thank you to the parents involved for making the event so special.

Yesterday both Memorial and HMS schools celebrated School Resource Officer Day! We thank Officer Pete, Officer Janti, and the entire North Haledon Police Department for their dedication and partnership in keeping North Haledon Schools safe every day!

Last week, Mr. Escalante met with all grade levels for his quarterly grade level meetings. School expectations, reminders and upcoming events were shared with all students.

Third grade students presented Mrs. Tait with written proposals in efforts to establish Pajama Mondays throughout the month of February. Students had thoughtful reasoning, creative thinking and took great pride in presenting their case, demonstrating not only their writing skills, but their ability to think critically. Thanks to their hard work, all students have enjoyed Pajama Mondays throughout the month!

On Tuesday, February 25th all HMS students will have an assembly program with Dr. Matthew Bellace who has a PhD in clinical psychology with a subspecialty in clinical neuropsychology. Dr. Bellace is a professional speaker and stand-up comedian. His program will encourage the pursuit of natural highs and resilience in the face of stress. Dr. Bellace will also touch on character, decision making, and respect and empathy towards others of all backgrounds.

Next week, 8th grade students will be taking their Cap and Gown photos. HMS will also be taking club photos that day.

We are very excited as the premiere of the HMS Musical Addams Family is rapidly approaching! Our talented cast and crew have been working so hard to put on a great show for the North Haledon Community. Students at Memorial will get to see a special sneak peek dress rehearsal performance

during the day. The musical performances will be in the Memorial School Gym with the following showtimes-

Friday, February 28th at 7pm

Saturday, March 1st at 2pm and 7pm

Tickets are \$10 and can be bought on the North Haledon PTO website. The link has been blasted out to all North Haledon families and is posted on our district instagram page. We look forward to seeing you there!