



ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2024



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Thank you for all that you do!

BREAKING

NEWS

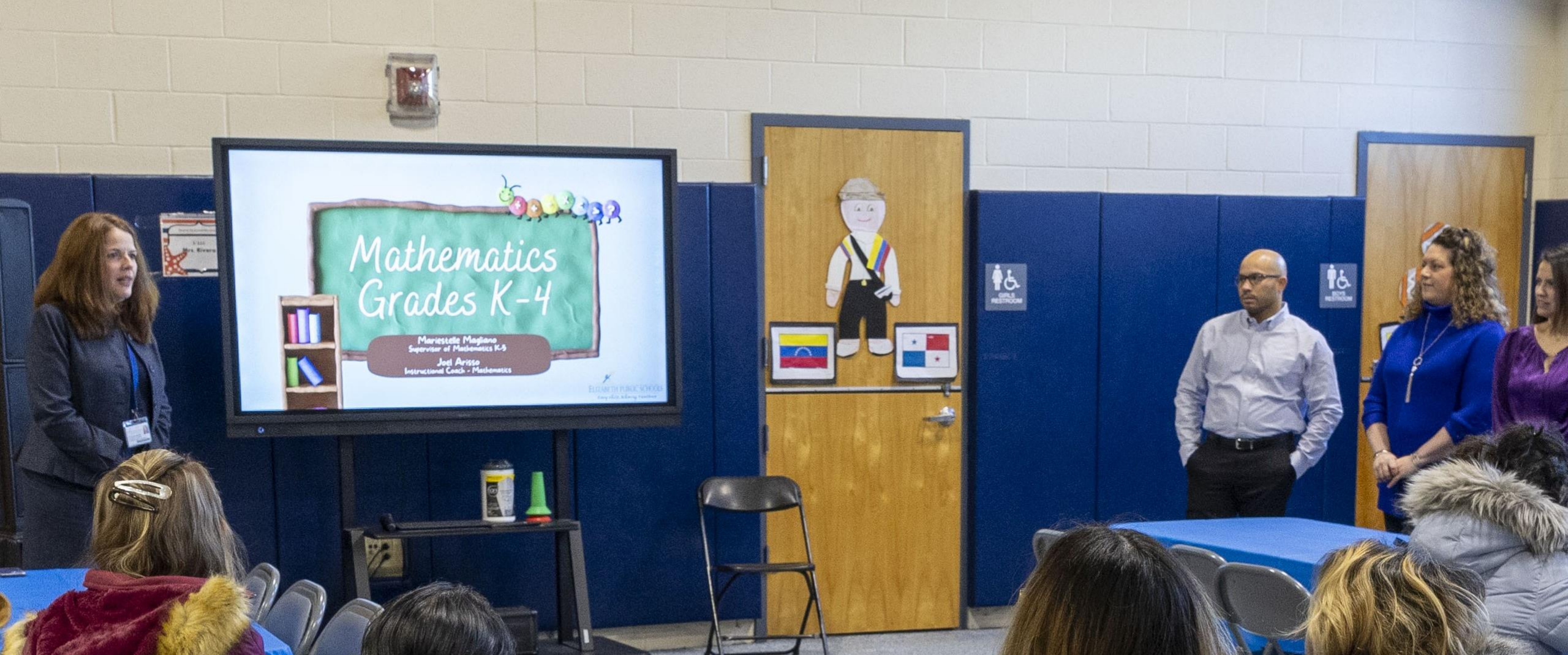




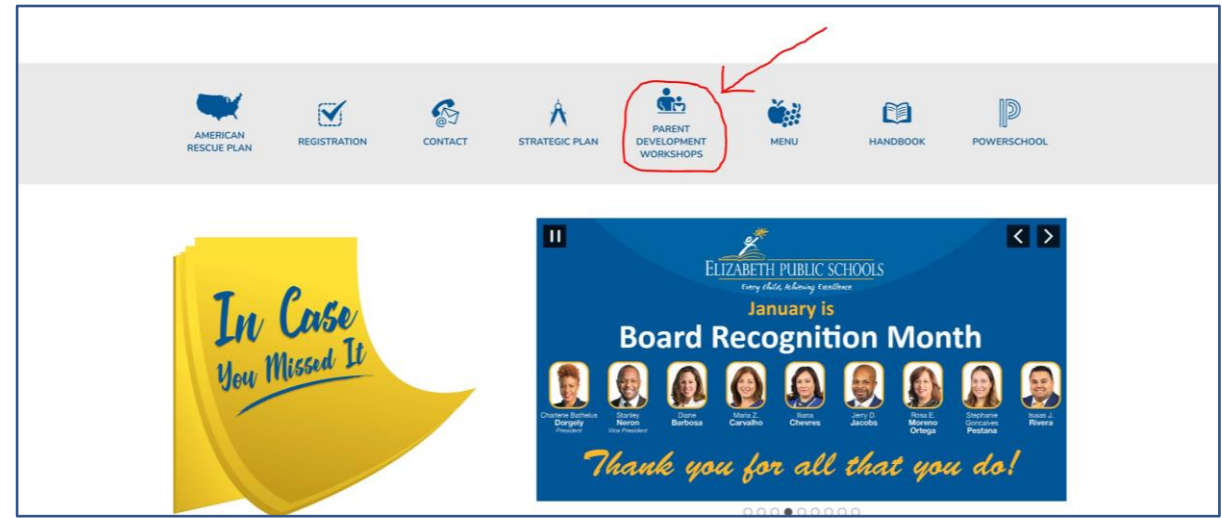
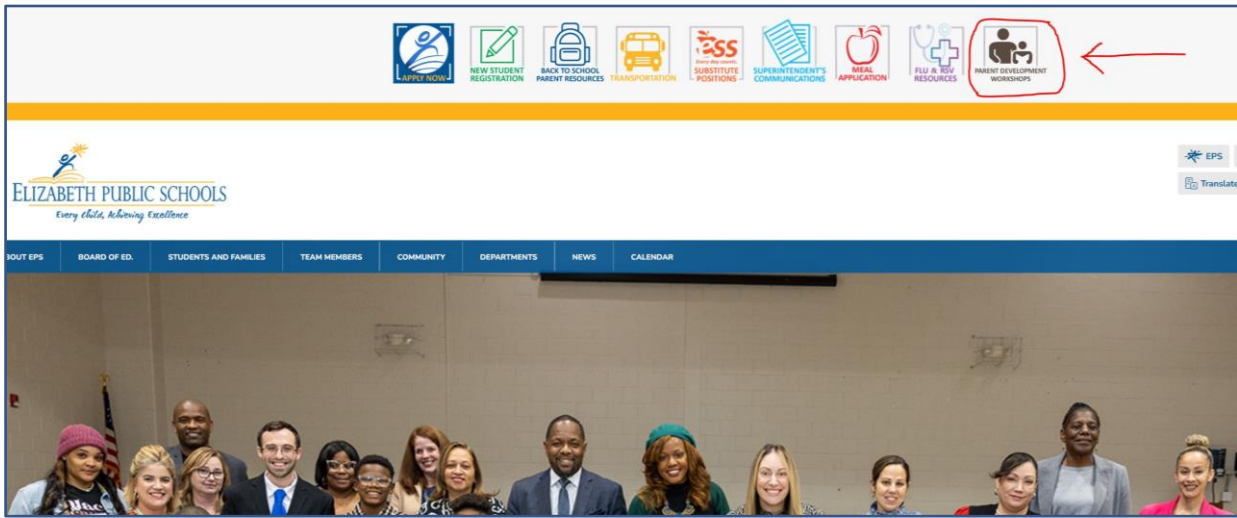
**EPS Receives \$4.3M from SDA in
Emergent Capital Project Funding**



EPS Partners with New York Academy of Sciences for Scientist-in-Residence Program



EPS Offers Families Parent Development Workshop Series



Parent Development Workshop Series

Click on the Parent Development Workshop icon at the top of the district home page (www.epsnj.org) or under the multimedia gallery



PARENT DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOPS

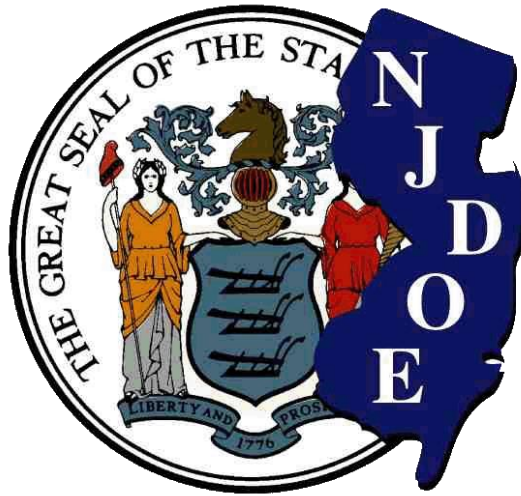
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EPS Offers Addressing Equity Through Cultural Education and SEL Training



Halsey Health & Public Safety Academy Named Naval Honor School



Graduation Requirements Update



A photograph of Governor Murphy, an older man with glasses, wearing a dark suit and a striped tie, sitting at a desk and signing a document. An American flag is visible in the background.

Bill A1181/S2054

- Gov. Murphy signed into law on January 16, 2024
- Requires all graduating high school students (Class of 2025 & beyond) and families to complete either:
 - Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or
 - NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application
- Students must submit prior to receiving their high school diploma

TOTAL FINANCIAL AID FORM COMPLETIONS

2021/2022 – 2023/2024

2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
1,061	1,130	*1,172

* Completion of financial aid applications still in progress

CURRENT EPS INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL AID COMPLETION

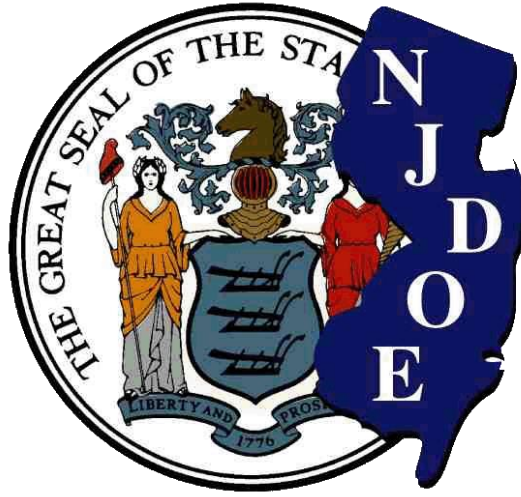
- **District Website**
 - Guide to completing FAFSA
- **School-Level Financial Opportunity**
 - Every school hosts Senior Financial Aid Completion events
- **District Financial Aid Nights**
 - 1/17/24
 - 2/7/24
 - 3/13/24
- **Partnership (Data Sharing Agreement) with Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)**
 - Will provide frequent completion updates

FUTURE EPS INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT FINANCIAL AID COMPLETION

- **Increased Financial Aid night for students and families**
 - Bi-weekly starting January 2025
- **School Level – Embedded Financial Aid assistant through our Financial Literacy Curriculum**
- **Increased partnership with Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) to include:**
 - More frequent data sharing
 - Additional professional development for school staff
- **Training for student/guardians on the updated graduation requirements including waiver opportunity.**

FAFSA GRADUATION REQUIREMENT WAIVER OPPORTUNITY

A student **shall be exempt from the graduation requirement** if the student or the student's parent or guardian submits to the school district a signed waiver form requesting the exemption from the requirement *and* a form signed by the school counselor authorizing the exemption for good cause as defined by the New Jersey State Board of Education.



Assessments Update



Digital SAT

New for 2024, the SAT has gone digital. This includes SAT School Day as well as National Dates on Saturdays.

The digital SAT uses multistage adaptive testing (MST). This means that the digital SAT fairly and accurately measures the same things in a shorter, more secure test while maintaining reliability of the scores

Each assessment has two sections with a 10-minute break between

- Reading and Writing (64 minutes)
- Mathematics (70 minutes)

SAT School Day

Elizabeth Public Schools will administer its SAT School Day on **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

The following students will be administered the SAT:

- All Grade 11 students in all high schools
- Grade 12 students who do not have SAT scores as per Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements

Early Childhood Lottery Registration

February 21 –
March 22





Gifted & Talented Program Application

February 27 –April 12

G&T Information
Session

February 27
School 22

5:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.





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Every Child, Achieving Excellence

2024

celebrate

Feb
5-9

National School Counseling Week

Feb
15

Digital Learning Day

Feb
17

Random Acts of Kindness Day

Feb
19

President's Day

Whole
Month

Black History Month

Whole
Month

Career & Technical Education Month

Whole
Month

National Children's Dental Health Month

in the month of

February



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