



## QSAC

### Quality Single Accountability System

On November 20, 2008, the Middletown District will undergo its first, comprehensive, on-site monitoring through the NJ State Department of Education's QSAC process. QSAC is an acronym for "Quality Single Accountability System." The concept is a very comprehensive review of the public school districts in New Jersey. Seven Monmouth County districts were reviewed last year and twenty-four will be reviewed in 2008-2009. Middletown will be among them.

The process begins with a Self-Study that is completed on paper and electronically submitted to the Office of the Monmouth County Executive Superintendent, Carole Morris, prior to the on-site visit. The Self-Study consists of five key areas or DPRs (District Performance Review), under which there are many indicators and sub-indicators. The five key areas are: Fiscal Management, Governance, Instruction and Program, Personnel and Operations Management. Points are assigned to each of the indicators. During the Self-Study, the district's monitoring team has the opportunity to award points for each of the indicators. Full points are awarded if the indicator is met and no points are awarded if the indicator is not met. After

the Self-Study, a team of officials will come from the County Office to monitor the district's compliance with the indicators. The County Monitoring Team will rate the district based on the on-site evidence of compliance with the indicator. After the on-site review by the County Team, their report is sent to the Commissioner of Education for final review. The district will ultimately be designated as "High Performing" or "In Need of Improvement."

Since receiving the Self-Study documents in March, our team of district administrators is already in the process of reviewing the requirements and assembling the appropriate leadership team. There is one central office administrator for each DPR, as well as committees, to collect the appropriate data. The committees will include building administrators, teachers, parent representation and Board of Education members. Our committees will be working in the summer and fall to assemble the necessary documentation to show that we have been a high performing district from 2005-2008. In 2011, the monitoring process will review the years 2008-2011.

## Special Recognition

Congratulations to the following outstanding educators selected for *The Governor's Teacher Recognition / Educational Services Professionals Program*. The Monmouth County Recognition event will take place on Friday, May 9th. Each recipient was nominated, and ultimately selected, for exhibiting outstanding performance, impacting student achievement and quality of public schools and improving academic opportunities.

Beverly S. Lindsay	<i>High School North</i>
Anne Freiburger	<i>High School South</i>
Joseph Lawlor	<i>Bayshore Middle School</i>
Stephanie Heidel	<i>Thompson Middle School</i>
Evelyn Mamman	<i>Thorne Middle School</i>
Deborah Mrykalo	<i>Bayview Elementary School</i>
James Gent	<i>Fairview Elementary School</i>
Carmen Peterson	<i>Harmony Elementary School</i>
Ronald Webb	<i>Leonardo Elementary School</i>
Barbara Fortunato	<i>Lincroft Elementary School</i>
Judith Cetnar	<i>Middletown Village Elementary School</i>
Lori Laura	<i>Navesink Elementary School</i>
Diane Bajor	<i>New Monmouth Elementary School</i>
Melissa Hickey	<i>Nut Swamp Elementary School</i>
Colleen Gray	<i>Ocean Avenue Elementary School</i>
Joan Gibson	<i>Port Monmouth School</i>
Charlene Steib	<i>River Plaza Elementary School</i>