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***Important Announcement Regarding Future Ready Schools New Jersey Silver Level Certification***

On Tuesday, September 18th, *Future Ready Schools NJ (FRS-NJ)* notified Middletown Township Public Schools district leaders that all 17 of our schools have earned Silver level certification under the [Future Ready Schools NJ \(FRS-NJ\) Certification Program](#). FRS-NJ, a coalition of the NJSBA, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the New Jersey Department of Education, is designed to best prepare our students for success in the digital age by promoting skills, abilities, and capacities essential for success in college, career, and citizenship. Additionally, The FRS-NJ program enables and fosters collaboration both within and between schools and districts throughout the State of New Jersey. FRS-NJ is based on the national Future Ready Framework, developed by the Alliance for Excellent Education.

As you may recall, all Middletown Township Public Schools K-12 exceeded the established requirements for first level certification in the 2017-18 school year and represented 17 of only 64 schools to achieve the initial honor. After reflecting on the evidence submitted during that certification cycle, the MTPS Future Ready NJ Team set goals for the year that directly related to the three FRS-NJ themes: Leadership, Education and Classroom Practice, and Technology Support and Services. In May-June of 2018, district leaders, educational technology specialists, teacher leaders, and technology staff submitted evidence for Silver level certification for each school. This evidence was reviewed by the Future Ready New Jersey Awards Committees that were made up of educators and school/district leaders from around the state, as well as representatives from the New Jersey Department of Education.

Middletown Township Public Schools once again exceeded the established requirements for certification in all three themes, earning us the prestigious Silver level certification. While all levels of FRS-NJ certification follow an evidence-based process, the expectations established for Silver level are especially rigorous. Middletown schools represent 17 of only 35 schools in the state who earned Silver level, the highest level a school can achieve at this time. As a result, Middletown Township Public Schools has the largest number of Silver level certified schools in the second cohort of committed Future Ready Schools NJ districts.

This achievement was the result of the collaborative effort made possible by the innovation, passion, and leadership of our students, technology staff, educators, and administrators. While we are extremely proud of this achievement, we also acknowledge that there is still work to be done. All of our schools will continue to analyze the evidence and feedback gathered from the FRS-NJ certification process to set goals for the 2018-19 school year. Through the dedication of our staff and the collaborative and reflective process of the FRS-NJ program, we are confident that we will achieve our goal of providing personalized learning opportunities for all students. Our school community remains committed to further implementation of our personalized learning goals through research-based best practice strategies to ensure all students are empowered to take an active role in their own education and achieve their full potential.

A formal celebration of this achievement will occur at the September 26th Board of Education Meeting at 8:00 PM in the Middletown High School North Library, 63 Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ 07748.

Sincerely,



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