

# SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Community and Staff Members,

South Brunswick School District is committed to providing outstanding educational opportunities for our students. This commitment is in keeping with our Mission Statement:

*“The South Brunswick School District will prepare students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, effective communicators and wise decision makers. This will be accomplished through the use of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS) and/or the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) at all grade levels. The schools will maintain an environment that promotes intellectual challenge, creativity, social and emotional growth and the healthy physical development of each student.” ~Adopted 8.22.11*

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. ESSA is meant to ensure that all students have equitable access to high-quality educational resources and opportunities, as well as to close educational achievement gaps. As part of the regulations, a stakeholder committee must be formed to provide feedback and input to the resources and decisions made regarding the grant monies. ESSA Stakeholder engagement is a vehicle for bringing together educators and families as well as representatives of the community who have a stake in the law and also bring particular assets and expertise that can support the education of our young people.

The ESSA Stakeholder Committee will be comprised of approximately thirty members in order to be fully representative of the school community. We anticipate a large response to this invitation to participate in this important work and, in order to make equitable decisions, have created an application process. Our hope is to enlist parent/community members and staff members who are able to meet the time commitment necessary and demonstrate a wide array of pertinent experiences that will enrich the process.

If interested in participating in this important activity, complete the [application for ESSA Stakeholder Committee](#) no later than **Friday, December 1, 2017**. The District will attempt to be as inclusive as possible, however, given the level of response, may need to limit the number of invitations to insure an effective process. Our goal is to create an outstanding stakeholder group to engage in this important work.

We are excited to move forward with this ESSA Stakeholder Committee process and, with your assistance, know it will provide enormous benefits for the students of South Brunswick School District. For your support, now and in the past, I offer my deepest gratitude.

Sincerely,

Jennifer K. Diszler

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