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Message from the Superintendent:

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year which is starting off with some very exciting news!

A number of local, regional and national publications came out with their annual analysis of high schools throughout the United States. Once again, our schools were ranked some of the highest in the county, state and nation. *U.S. News and World Report*, *Newsweek*, the *Daily Beast*, *New Jersey Monthly*, and the *Star Ledger* had all of our schools in their rankings. However, the *Daily Beast* ranking was the highest to date. In fact, they ranked all of our schools in the top 175 in the country.

- ❖ ***Magnet High School*** was ranked 24th Nationally and 4th in the Northeast Region
- ❖ ***Academy for Allied Health Sciences*** was ranked 43rd Nationally and 10th in the Northeast Region
- ❖ ***UC Tech High School*** was ranked 70th Nationally and 21st in the Northeast Region
- ❖ ***Academy for Performing Arts*** was ranked 89th Nationally
- ❖ ***Academy for Information Technology*** was ranked 175th Nationally

I am extremely proud of these accomplishments and congratulate our students, dedicated staff members, and administrators for all their efforts.

We accepted our largest Freshman class with 379 students, which includes the initial freshmen of our latest “mini academy”, the Sustainable Science Academy.

Construction continues on our 30,000 square foot addition to West Hall, which is scheduled to be available for September, 2015. In addition, the barn in the rear of West Hall, that was destroyed during one of last year’s storms, is being replaced with a new, larger barn for equipment storage.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Education for their leadership and support and to our Board of Chosen Freeholders for their financial support.

On behalf of the Board of Education, our administrators, and staff, I wish all our students and their families a successful 2014-2015 school year!

Sincerely,

Peter A. Capodice
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