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Notice: Release of 2017-18 New Jersey School Performance Reports

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Community:

This week the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) released valuable overall school ratings through its **2017-18 New Jersey School Performance Reports (SPR)**. The report for Alloway Township School (ATS) can be accessed and viewed on-line at: www.njschooldata.org.

The SPR reflects the NJDOE's extensive efforts to engage with parents, students, and school communities. The intent is to share information that is most valuable in providing a picture of overall school performance. Given that ATS is in the process of crafting a strategic plan, the SPR provides our school with timely and important data for productive conversations about our school's growth and future. The 2017-18 SPR also includes changes that respond to stakeholder feedback. These changes include: more informative, easier to understand one-page Summary Reports; additional navigation tools and an improved search page; emphasis on student growth; and more information about Career and Technical Education (CTE), staff, and discipline.

When viewing ATS's one-page Summary Report, it is worth noting that ATS met the State's standards overall in every category. It is further worth noting that our economically disadvantaged students' "high growth" rate exceeded the standard for math growth and the school overall *almost* exceeded the standard for math growth.

The SPR also gives schools a 0-100 score and a percentile score to gauge how schools compare to others. A school in the 50th percentile is considered "average." Alloway Township School's score is 57.71 which is the 61.79th percentile. For comparison, there are 15 public schools in Salem County that serve K-8 students. Some are K-8 like ATS; others are either elementary or middle schools. Among that group of 15, ATS ranks #4. The success at ATS should be attributed to eager learners, an incredibly talented staff, growth mindsets, teamwork, involved parents, and a supportive school community. Together, we will achieve excellence in education.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Schell", is positioned below the text "Yours in service,".

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