



# Evesham Township School District

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Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: State Aid #s released last week...ETSD losing \$1.5 million in state funding in 2022-23; Resolution Establishing ETSD As a Stigma Free Zone for Mental Health and Mental Illness Awareness; March 24--"All In" Disabilities Awareness Night, March 24, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm; Family Night with Friends of the Black Run Preserve at Marlton MS, March 23, 6:30-8:15 pm; Rice Principal Search Input Form (for Rice parents only); SAVE THE DATE: 8th Grade Graduation Friday, June 24 at the Cherokee football field; SAVE THE DATE: Monday, June 5, Golf Classic Fundraiser by the Evesham Education Foundation at Little Mill Country Club; Friendly reminders from prior Updates.

**\*\*\*Don't forget to wear brightly colored, mismatched socks this Monday, March 21, [World Down Syndrome Day](#), along with people all around ETSD and the world, to celebrate the uniqueness and abilities of individuals born with Down Syndrome!\*\*\***

## **State Aid #s released last week...ETSD losing \$1.5 million in state funding in 2022-23**

Positively viewed, this is a bit less than the \$1,652,000 loss projected. On the other hand, it is still a loss of \$1.5 million, part of \$7.6 million in state aid reductions over 7 years. ETSD's 2022-23 tentative budget is being presented and recommended for approval at the March 24 Board meeting. For larger context, there are 40 districts in Burlington county. In total dollars, we are losing more than any district in our county, except one. As a percentage reduction, we are losing more than any district in the county except three, with a combined student population less than ETSD's. I will share future updates regarding budget and funding.

## **Resolution Establishing ETSD As a Stigma Free Zone for Mental Health and Mental Illness Awareness**

Mental, physical, and emotional health for all is a focus every week in ETSD, including this week, which is officially School Wellness Week in our district. Wellness activities are taking place this week throughout our schools. At this district level, recommended for Board approval next week is this [County Stigma Free District Resolution for ETSD](#) designating our district as a stigma free zone for mental health and mental illness awareness. Youth mental health was an area of challenge everywhere prior to the pandemic, and only more so since. The mental health of adults is under strain as well, based on many available metrics. A related component is the increasingly clear connection between youth mental health and social media use. Linked below is the [BCASA resolution calling for regulatory oversight for use of social media in adolescents](#), adopted by our county association of superintendents this fall.

## **[March 24--"All In" Disabilities Awareness Night](#), March 24, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

Come on out to this great event at the Evesham Township Municipal Complex this coming Thursday. The event's goal is to promote awareness and foster an inclusive environment, supporting all individuals to meet their potential as valued members of our community. Please see this [All In Disabilities Awareness Poster Contest.pdf](#) as a related opportunity.



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## Family Night with Friends of the Black Run Preserve at Marlton MS, March 23, 6:30-8:15 pm

This interactive presentation is a great, free opportunity for all ETSD families and staff to learn why our town's Black Run Preserve is so special. Combine family brain power to build a model, challenge your knowledge of our community and enter a raffle for prizes! Pizza, water and juice will be served. Limited to 100 attendees. If capacity is met, another event will be added March 30<sup>th</sup> at DeMasi Middle School. Pre-Registration required.

[Click here to reserve your spots.](#)

Also, check out this fun FBRP opportunity April 2, its [1st Annual Poker Run](#). Have fun, enjoy nature, win prizes, and help FBRP in this special event. Visit [Events – Black Run Preserve – Evesham Township, New Jersey](#) for more details.

## Rice Principal Search Input Form (for Rice parents only)

Rice parents, please take a moment to complete the voluntary Rice Principal Search Input form under the "Forms" tab in Genesis Parent Portal, if you would like to share input to help in our search. This form will close Sunday, April 3rd. Thank you.

## SAVE THE DATE: 8th Grade Graduation Friday, June 24 at the Cherokee football field

DeMasi Middle School at 5:30 pm, Marlton Middle School at 7:30 pm. Rain date: Sat. June 25, 10 am DMS, 12 pm MMS. More information will be shared via our middle schools over the weeks ahead.

## SAVE THE DATE: Monday, June 5, Golf Classic Fundraiser by the Evesham Education Foundation at Little Mill Country Club

For more info, please see [EEF Golf Classic Fundraiser June 6, 2022](#)

## Friendly reminders from prior Updates

- [Community Activities - Evesham Township School District](#)
- March 23, 6:30-8:15 pm—Family Night with Friends of the Black Run Preserve at Marlton MS
- [March 24—"All In" Disabilities Awareness Night](#), 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- April 2, 8 am—[1st Annual Poker Run](#)
- April 11 - May 30—[ETPD Citizens' Police Academy](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith  
Superintendent of Schools