Dear Community,

It has been a wonderful 2017-2018 school year at Newark Public Schools! In the office of Expanded Learning Time (ELT) we greatly appreciate each and every person who has been a part of our community this year, bringing quality enrichment experiences to our students through before and afterschool programs.

This year, we have serviced upwards of 9,000 students across the district in some form of ELT programming per day. This month alone our students had a Soccer Tournament, Basketball Tournament and Cheer Competition, Fun Days, Field Trips, Career guest speakers, NJPAC artist residencies and a Chess tournament with the Newark Chess Club. All of that took place before the month was over! We are very proud to be able to offer these programs to students and their families and hope you have enjoyed reading about the activities we do.

Thank you to all the school staff that greet the student each day afterschool providing a healthy meal, homework help, socialization activities, physical activities and hands on learning experiences.

As the last day of school is here, we encourage OUR ENTIRE community to make sure that the young people we know are engaged in summer learning programs. Summer Plus, the NPS Summer School program is now accepting wait list applicants. Parents can see their school clerk to add their names to the waitlist. Beyond Summer Plus, there are many additional summer programs taking place across the city of Newark and beyond. If anyone needs helps finding a program, they should visit the Newark Thrives! Program Locator to find a summer learning experience that fits the student’s interests and family’s needs.

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In partnership,
Sarah Cruz, Special Assistant, Office of Expanded Learning Time
Thank you and see you next Season!

The ELT office would like to give a special shout-out to the cheer and basketball coaches who attended all of the events!!! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our students this season. The ELT office would also like to thank everyone who made the season possible including The Bronze Whistles, AA Sports, Candy-Elite, our NPS nurses, athletic trainers, and ALL staff who dedicated their weekends for 10 weeks of the 2018 season!

"Special Thank you to all our Cheer Advisors."
Kendra Burton

"The show was awesome" It was a great event.
Sarah Cruz

"Thank you for all you do with our athletes"
Stephanie W.

Community Partner Highlight: Thirteenth Ave/Dr. MLK Jr. School

This year, Scholars in prekindergarten to eighth grade participated in afterschool programming at Thirteenth Avenue/Dr. MLK Jr School through a collaborative partnership between After-School All-Stars, Rutgers – Newark, and New Community Corporation. Course activities included Culinary Arts, DJ Academy, Fashion and Textiles, Step and Drill, Clay Animation and Dance. The programs also partner with the Newark School of the Arts, Greater Newark Conservancy, and the Newark Museum for expert lead instruction which includes environmental education, breakdancing, forensics and forgery and computer programming. Both After-School All-Stars and Rutgers – Newark have been able to bridge a gap in student enrichment, community engagement, and parental involvement by providing (1) strong wrap-around services that educate and inspire our students, (2) leveraging community partnerships to offer resources and services to our students and their families, and (3) equipping parents with tools they need to better support their children. We are excited to continue with Summer Plus stating on July 9th.
What an exciting school year it has been! We at STRIVE ended it with a bang! Students that participated in STRIVE’s Right Track Enrichment (RTE) Program at the Marion Bolden Student Center received college and career counseling, SAT prep, college application assistance, professional mentorship, financial resources, enrichment and more. We have so many students and graduates to be proud of this year. Please join us in congratulating a few of our shining stars!

Graduate Cheyenne Bright, American History: Cheyenne is attending Bloomfield College this fall studying Business Management and aspires to become a real estate agent.

Graduate Aminah Barrow, American History: Aminah is attending Ramapo College this fall studying Fine Arts. This passionate young lady is looking to inspire young people as an art teacher and artist.

Graduate Rancell Romero, Barringer High School: Rancell is attending Rutgers University New Brunswick this fall. His major of interest is Political Studies and he plans to become an attorney.

Graduate Jonah Sierra, Barringer High School: Jonah is attending Rutgers University New Brunswick this fall studying Communication and Film. Jonah is looking to become an entrepreneur in the entertainment industry.

Student Faith Christian, Technology High School: Faith has dreams of traveling the world and sees herself in a position of great leadership. She is determined to be connected to pre-college programs. She has been accepted into the Student Diplomacy Corps. In this program, Faith is traveling to New Zealand this summer to focus on the rights of indigenous cultures!

Student Alterek Belton, Technology High School: Alterek is working on developing his professional portfolio before he graduates high school. Alterek has been accepted into the Cooperman College Scholars Scholarship Program and aspires to become an engineer.

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year starts soon. STRIVE Supporters! Stay Connected! For more information on STRIVE’s RTE Program contact ashante@strivecares.org or 201-754-4685.

Are you in search of a Summer Program for a student? Check out Summer Chill! Call or come by for more information!
21st Community Learning Centers: Career is the focus in the 21st Century programs for 7th-10th grade students at American History HS, Arts HS, Eagle Academy and University HS. 190 students attend these programs on a daily basis across the four schools. In Summer 2018, the 21st Century Program will offer College and Career Summer Experience at the Bolden Center. Visit for more information.

In May all of the students visited Montclair State University. Besides getting a much needed break after taking PARCC exams the students were treated to a tour of the beautiful 500 acre suburban campus. After the tour they got to sit in a lecture style classroom and listen to testimony from current students and one recent graduate. One of the highlights for the students was during the Q&A session where they engaged with a recent graduate on his story of trials and tribulations during his college Career. Another speaker the students enjoyed was the Associate Director of the EOF Educational Opportunity Fund, Mr. Rahjun Gordon. Overall most of the feedback was positive although the students did complain about the lunches not including ice cream like they got at Rutgers-Newark.

Students go “Birding”: The NJ Audubon, led workshops at our schools and at the Bolden Center that taught students about the birds and flora of Newark. The students enjoyed this very different experience.

Bolden Student Center Partner Highlight: NFTE

Each school year, NFTE students create and pitch business plans in classrooms across the nation. For the first time, five local New Jersey students had the opportunity to participate in NFTE’s challenge. On June 7th, 2018, top students from Orange High School and Eagle Academy for Young Men of Newark demonstrated their command of the entrepreneurial mindset as they presented and defended their business plans to a distinguished panel of judges from Rutgers Newark and Ernst & Young. First place took home a grand prize of $150.
Afterschool Excel and Futures
The Office of Expanded Learning Time provides afterschool programming to students in our EXCEL (3rd-6th) and FUTURES (K-2nd) programs. The EXCEL and FUTURES programs serve over 1,400 students throughout 17 schools.

We had an incredible year and all are sad the fun has to end (until summer begins!). Each afterschool program was able to participate in an end of the year Fun Day filled with games, snacks, and a blow up slide. Here are some photos from the day. Thanks to all of the staff in these programs and schools for making sure our afterschool programs are fun, safe and enriching. We have much to celebrate!

NPS and ELT in the News:
Students at Rafael Hernandez Elementary School joined New York Red Bulls players and local officials Wednesday to celebrate the first mini-pitch built in Newark as part of a U.S. Soccer Foundation initiative to build 1,000 pitches across the country by 2026. By Marisa Iati

The foundation intends to partner with the Red Bulls and the Newark school district to erect the pitches over the next five years so students will have safe places to play, learn teamwork, make friends and exercise. The Red Bulls and the U.S. Soccer Foundation have committed to fully funding the mini-pitches, which are outdoor hard surfaces. Total investment in the school district between the mini-pitches and the after-school program is expected to top $1.5 million, the organizations said.

“This day is for you,” Superintendent Roger Leon told students Wednesday at a ceremony celebrating the first pitch built as part of the initiative. "This mini-pitch behind me is brought to this school and to this city for a purpose."
About the Office of Expanded Learning Time:
The Office of Expanded Learning Time (ELT) oversees the administration and implementation of before/after school and summer programs for NPS. The goal of ELT programming is to enhance the academic experience of students through a portfolio of quality programs and partnerships.

ELT Programs:
- **Serving Grades**
- Afterschool Futures: K-3
- Afterschool Excel: 3-8
- 21st CCLC: 7-9
- Bolden Center: 9-12
- Leagues: 4-8
- Nutrition: K-12
- Summer Plus: 1-8
- College and Career: 7-9
- Summer @ Bolden: 9-12
- Sports Camps: 4-12
- Explore Newark: 1-8

Team ELT
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- **Interns**: Alfajiri “Nandi” Wesley, Eugenio Aranzamendi, Zahir Thomas, Angela Etienne, Nasya Hammond-Watson

Coming Up in Expanded Learning Time:
- **June 2**: Elementary Cheer Tournament, 12 PM Weequahic High School
- **June 2**: The Chosen Ones, Youth Leadership Conference @ the Bolden Student Center 8:30 -4:30
- **June 8**: Last day of the 17-18 21st Century, Bolden Center and Futures Programs, please look out for 18-19 Registration forms!
- **June 9**: Elementary Basketball Championship Game @ Weequahic
- **July 9**: Summer Programs begin!