

# A Message from the Holmdel Township Board of Education

## Graduation Reflection

Thirteen years ago my husband and I sat with parents in the All-Purpose Room at Village School. It was Back-to School Night. The principal, Mr. Blejwas welcomed us as the parents of the Class of 2011. At the time graduation seemed so far away. He told us it was okay if our child didn't know how to read yet, they would learn. He was correct. They did learn to read and so much more.

Over the years we watched our children progress through the grades, marked by milestone events: the Tin Can Derby, Heritage Day, Colonial Day, the Ice Cream Social, the Sixth Grade Electricity Project, the Ellis Island trip and the Washington D.C. trip. In addition to what was being taught in the classroom, they participated in field trips, talent shows, musical performances, plays, clubs and sports.

As parents we encourage our children and watch them grow and change, moving toward the goal of graduation. When our children are young we plan play dates, chose after-school activities, as they get older they begin to make choices for themselves. As senior year approaches students with the help of their parents, teachers and guidance counselors make decisions about their future. On June 21<sup>st</sup> we gathered at Brookdale Community College to watch 260 seniors graduate from Holmdel High School. It was their night to shine and celebrate their accomplishments. The graduates have made their decision and soon they will be scattering across the country to continue the next stage of study and pursue their dreams.

As a parent I watched the students come up to receive their diplomas and I couldn't help but think, "Where has the time gone?"

As a member of the Board of Education I know where the time as gone. Taking a line from our Mission Statement, it has gone toward preparing our children "to become responsible and resourceful citizens and life long-learners."

Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

On behalf of my fellow board members,  
Robin Wetmore  
Vice President

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