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Dear Constituents,

As the holiday season approaches, the Perth Amboy School Community is grateful and proud of the accomplishments that have led the Perth Amboy School District into a renaissance that gradually turned a district with a plethora of challenges into a vibrant, robust, and successful learning community.

Within the last decade, the Perth Amboy School District received several accolades and showed sustained growth. We have been designated as a Lighthouse District since 2019 for continued student academic improvement and achievement by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). Graduation rates increased from 59% in 2013 to 86% as per the 2022 NJDOE School Performance Report. The number of students who graduated with a Seal of Biliteracy increased from 37 in 2015 to 299 in 2023. Inclusion rates for students with disabilities increased to 59.04% in 2022 exceeding the state target of 45% as per the 2022 NJDOE Local District Special Education Report.

Recently, Perth Amboy High School has been recognized as an ESPN Honor Roll recipient in the northeast region. This is following Perth Amboy High School being awarded the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools National Banner. Also, the high school was selected as one of three schools nationwide to be featured on an ESPN broadcast in the Spring of 2024.

The link below will give you access to the special edition of our award-winning District newsletter, *Our Schools*. This special [*Time Capsule Edition*](#) provides a glimpse into the past, present, and future of the District as it prepares to welcome students in September 2024 to the largest high school ever built by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority. The newsletter also highlights many other accolades and achievements that speak about the District's commitment to best serve students, staff, and the community.

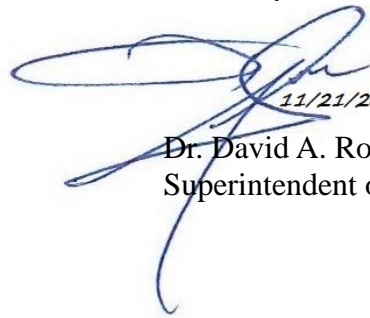
Prior to opening and reviewing the newsletter, we encourage you to download the Artivive App from the App Store or Google Play Store using a smart device. The app will allow you to fully experience the interactive and innovative nature of the newsletter. The newsletter is permeated with augmented reality technology which will enhance the reader's experience as they learn about our school community.

Every time you see the Artivive icon "A" please scan the page with the Artivive App, and you will access engaging 3D video content. We also encourage you to read the newsletter and identify the contributions of a myriad of collaborators that have made these attainments possible.

Please click on the links below for additional information.

- [What We Were Made For](#)
- [Augmented Reality Article Exhibition: Immersive 3D Experience](#)
- [What We Were Made For & Augmented Reality: Immersive 3D Experience](#)
- [Our Schools – Time Capsule Edition](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Roman', with a date stamp '11/21/2023' written below it.

Dr. David A. Roman
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