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## Taking a Hard Look at the Numbers

During this week's October Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education, Chief Data, Accountability and Technology Officer, Dr. Jeron Campbell presented the district's spring 2017 State Assessment results which included PARCC Math & ELA, NJASK and Biology, and SAT scores.

Dr. Campbell's data analysis, illustrated with numerous charts and graphs, showed in no uncertain terms that although several schools and grades have made some very respectable gains in specific areas of student achievement, these gains are not without accompanying challenges and deficits throughout the district.

Acting Superintendent Shafer noted that there is much work yet to be done to bring our district's numbers into alignment with other comparable districts and state averages. She then introduced Associate Chief Academic Officer, Eric Crespo and Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Joanna Tsimpedes who delivered a set of specific actions that will be used by the district to confront the problems shown by the data.

These actions include:

- Dig deep into the specific PARCC questions to better understand – school by school – grade by grade – the skill sets that our students struggled with the most (Note: Once the analysis is completed, strategies will be implemented to address these areas along with professional development for our teachers);
- Implement new interventions for Math and ELA at the high school level – professional development taking place this month;
- Implement early elementary district-wide reading and vocabulary programs (already underway);
- Identify model classrooms within the district and use as examples for other teachers;
- Provide additional professional development – especially for newer teachers;
- Create a universal schedule for elementary schools which will embed academic choice, intervention and enrichment;
- Address chronic absenteeism, a particularly troublesome problem influencing the delivery of quality education

For more information regarding the latest assessments, you can view the district's data presentations by clicking on the following links: [State Assessment Overview](#), [PARCC Spring 2017 Administrations](#).



Alexander Hamilton Academy presented “The NED Show” character education assembly as part of the 2017 Week of Respect. Using humor, storytelling, audience participation and amazing object lessons including yo-yo and magic tricks. “NED” represents, **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, and **D**o your best.

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