

# HOLICONG PARENT COUNCIL

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OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018



# OCTOBER - CALENDAR UPDATE

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Week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Red Ribbon Week

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – David Fialko – Vaping Assembly

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake Day

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Holicong Community Movie Night – SHREK

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween – Student Council Halloween Contest

# NOVEMBER – CALENDAR UPDATE

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November 8<sup>th</sup> – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period

November 9<sup>th</sup> – Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences/Staff Appreciation Lunch

November 9<sup>th</sup> – Coffeehouse

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Common Thread Concert

Week of November 12<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate Education Week

November 15<sup>th</sup> – PARENT COUNCIL

# PARENT COUNCIL OVERVIEW

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**Who:** Open to ALL Holicong parents

**What:** Meetings based to inform, educate, gain feedback, & collaborate with Holicong community

**When:** **October 18, November 15, January 17, March 21, May 16**

**Where:** Holicong

**Why:** Strengthen the partnership between the school and local community by sharing what is happening at Holicong, CBSD, in the local and national community, and all other areas that will help us raise our children and embody the values and goals

# PARENT COUNCIL FORMAT

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1. Calendar & Events Overview
2. Student Activities Presentation
3. School Goals Update
4. Main Topics (determined by Parent Council & School)
5. Curriculum Spotlight
6. Superintendent Report
7. Workshop
  1. School Goals & Community Involvement Work

STUDENT  
ACTIVITIES AT  
HOLICONG

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# **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

Our Committees

# PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- What we do:
  - Inform the Holicong Community of upcoming events
- Led by president Michael Bliss







## Holicong Community Movie Night



**What:** Shrek ([Common Sense Media Review](#))

**Holicong Advisory Theme:** Getting Started

**When & Where:** Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:30 in Holicong Auditorium

**Why:** To bring the Holicong community together to foster relationships and community building. The theme of each movie aligns with our Advisory Program at Holicong!

**Who:** All Holicong students, parents, staff, and friends and family!

**\$1.00 at the door for admission and 1 popcorn**

\*We will have water and **TWIZZLERS** on sale in support of Red Ribbon Week!

\*Proceeds will be used for the next movie night

# STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- What we do:
  - Organize, sponsor, and plan activities for Holicong Middle School
- Led by Vice President Madelyn Munshower



# LITERACY COMMITTEE

- What we do:
  - oversee the maintenance of the:
    - Free Little Library,
    - Book Drives,
    - other initiatives by working with the English department, librarian, and POPS.
- Led by the Secretary Eli Moore

Dear Holicong Staff,

As head of the NJHS Literacy Committee, it is my duty to try to spread and cultivate the ability and acceptance of literacy of all the students and Holicong – part of which is free reading. It is my belief that there is no experience quite like reading for pleasure. Nothing is truly on par with reading a good novel simply for the purpose of reading it. You should have received this year's Holicong bookmarks in your mailbox from the Literacy Committee as a symbol of spreading literacy as well as the love of reading. A special thanks to Charlotte Horansky for her design and the Art department for its support in helping to make these.

Thanks,

Eli J. Moore, NJHS Secretary

# WELLNESS COMMITTEE

- What we do:
  - Assist with the wellness of the individual student at Holicong Middle School
  - Overseeing the maintenance and care of the Holicong garden
- Led by Treasurer Ella Kearns



# Apple Crunch Day!

- ▶ Wednesday October 17th
- ▶ During Advisory time
- ▶ Apple Crunch day promotes healthy snacking and encouraging the youth and families to eat apples.







# Apple Crunch Day

## RESULTS!

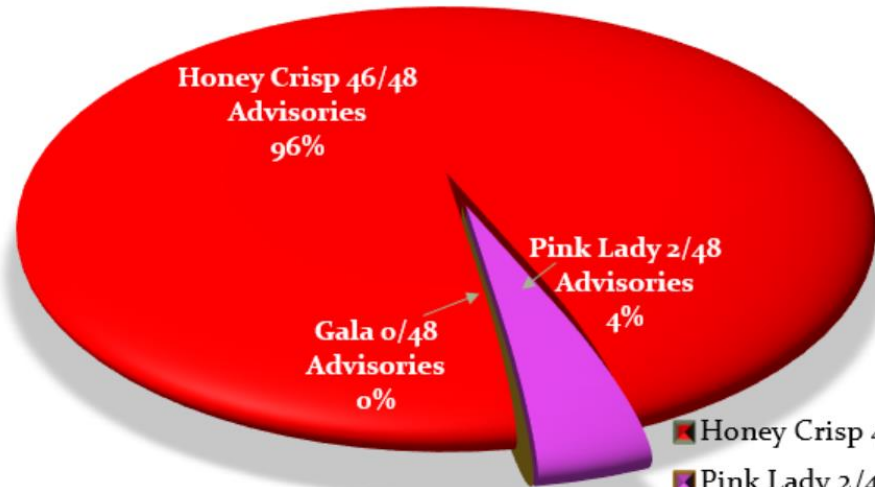
Holicong  
Wellness  
Committee



- ▶ Apple 1 – Honey Crisp
- ▶ Apple 2 – Gala
- ▶ Apple 3 – Pink Lady

Holicong WINNER:  
Honey Crisp

### Holicong Middle School Apple Crunch Challenge



- Honey Crisp 46/48 Advisories
- Pink Lady 2/48 Advisories
- Gala 0/48 Advisories



# COMING SOON

**HOLICONG MIDDLE SCHOOL - OPENING DOORS TO EXCELLENCE EACH DAY**

*Images left of H (starting as top): Former Martha Hampton School, 2016-2017 Park Our Day! (Woodrow Wilson Farm, South Road)*

*Images right of H (starting as top): South View Farm, Buckingham Township, 2017-2018 9th Grade Class, Holicong Store & Post Office*

*Historical black and white images provided courtesy of the Collection of the Mercator Museum Library of the Bucks County Historical Society*



# BUILDING GOALS – TECH INFORMATION

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HOLICONG 2018-2019

Building Goals

## Building goals

Our building goals for the 2018-2019 school year will focus on the following initiatives:

**Building Goal #1: *Differentiated Instruction*** – We will explore the philosophy and practical applications of differentiated instruction. We will utilize a workshop model to address specific needs and interests as well as provide workshops that target practices in instruction and assessment.

- *Aligned with CBSD Vision Pillar #1 – Teaching & Learning*

**Building Goal #2: *1:1 Laptop & Canvas LMS*** – The 1:1 laptop initiative now includes grade 7 and 8 across all middle school CBSD. We will utilize a workshop model to address specific needs and interests and also provide targeted workshops toward effective 1:1 & Canvas implementation. We will build upon the work and expertise developed during the Year One pilot and that offerings are varied and best practice. Targeted areas will include (but not limited to):

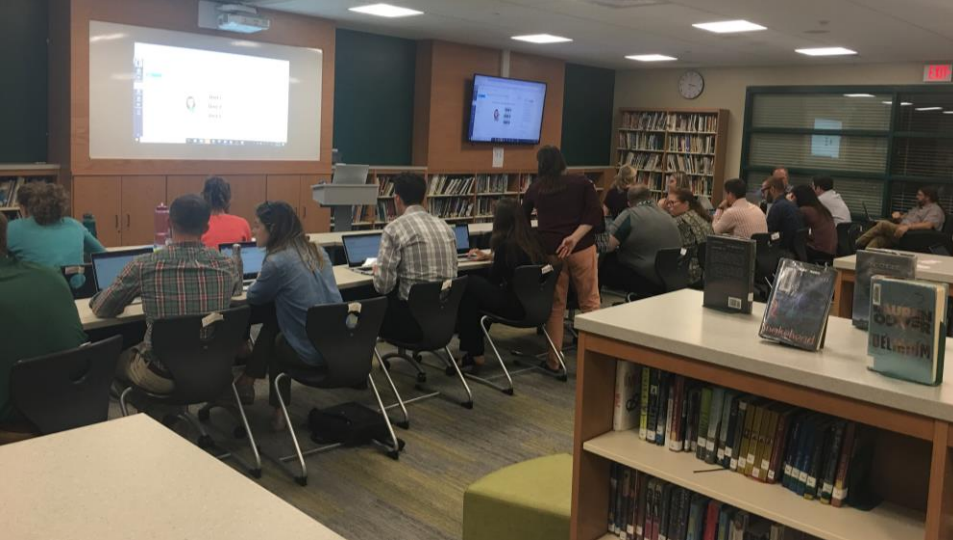
- a) Canvas for all levels
- b) Office 365 tool suite
- c) Instructional Best Practices & technology tools

- *Aligned with CBSD Vision Pillar #2 – Technology*

**Building Goal #3: *Community Partnerships*** – We will look to expand our partnerships with our parent and local community stakeholders. This will include a committed effort with our Parent Council to include our parents in Holicong goals and initiatives. Two priorities for the year will include, among others:

- 1) Career Fair – This is a new initiative that would align with the Career Readiness Indicator
- 2) Community Movie Night – This will be a collaborative effort with our NJHS & Parent Council that will align with our Advisory program

- *Aligned with CBSD Vision Pillar #3 – Community Connections*



NOW THIS IS “MONITORING & ADJUSTING”!

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Monitor & Adjust

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# WHAT DO WE DO WITH PSSA & SCHOOL DATA?

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- **Department Chairs & School Administrators** – Review school level, district level, and state level data to determine areas of strength & area of focus
- **School Administrators & District Curriculum Supervisors** – Review data and set district wide areas of focus to align district & school level professional development
- **Department Chairs** – Create goal areas for the year to focus their work – include standardized testing data & school level data

## **PURPOSE OF SURVEY**

To gather information about students' knowledge, attitudes and behaviors toward alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) use to help communities address the root causes of anti-social behavior.



## PAYS REPORT

- Completed every two years
- Given anonymously **8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students** in all five middle schools, and all three high schools
- 80% participation rate (3,885 valid surveys submitted)

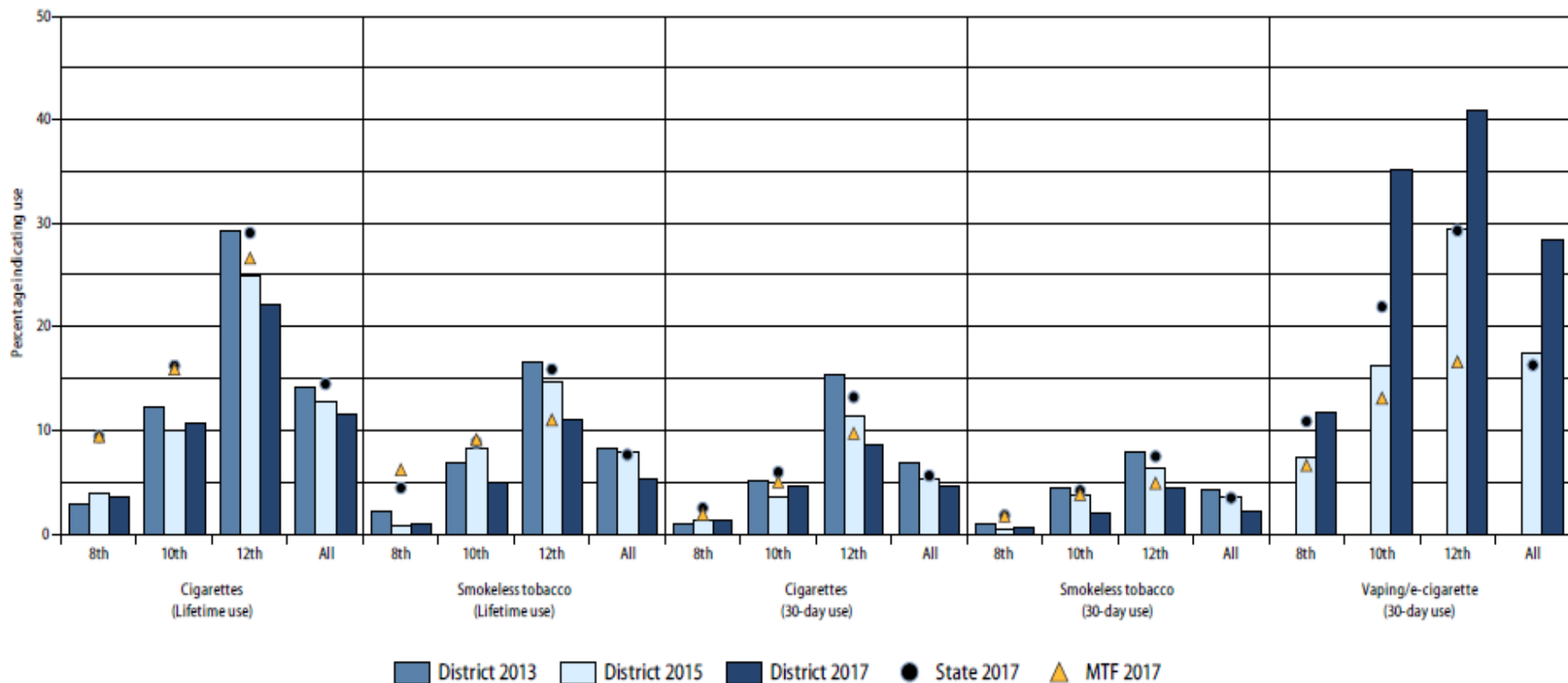
# MAIN TOPICS OF INQUIRY

1. ATOD Use and Access
2. Antisocial Behavior
3. Community and Social Climate and Safety
4. Social and Emotional Health
5. Systemic Factors
6. Risk and Protective Factors

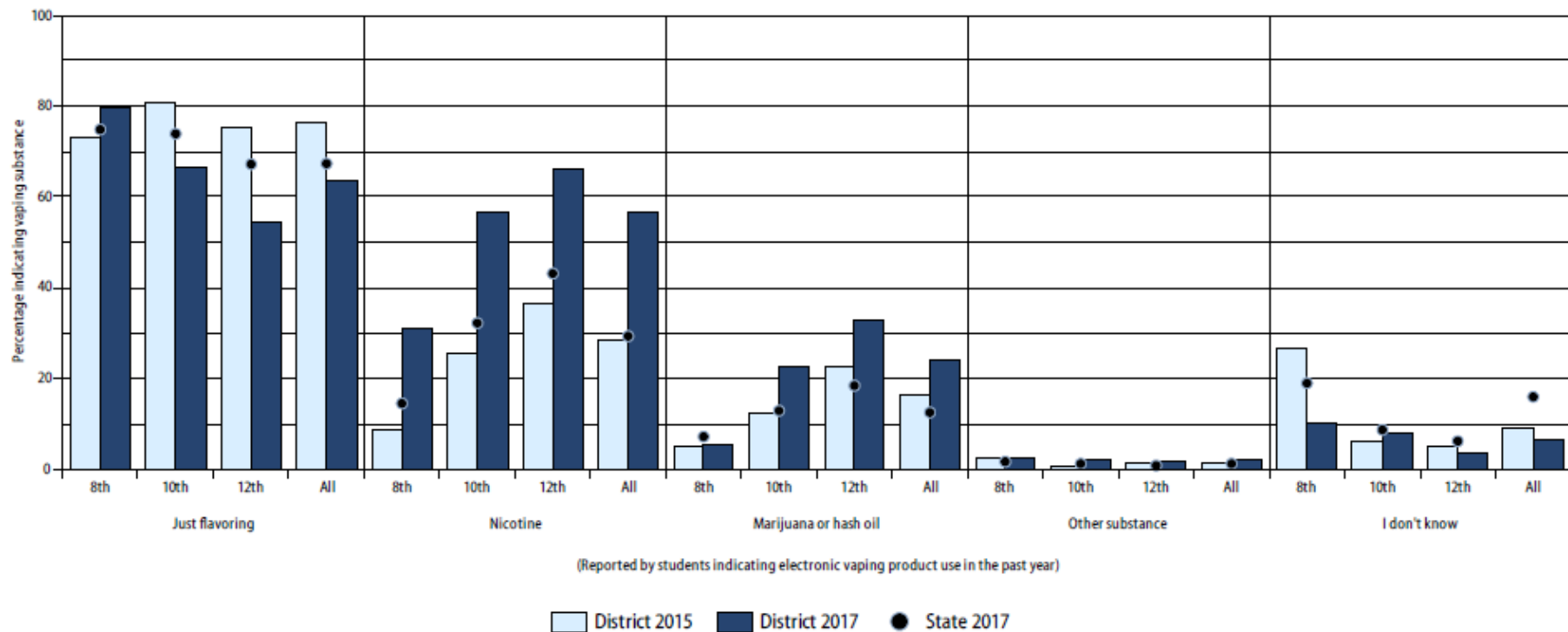


# Tobacco and Vaping - Lifetime and 30-day use

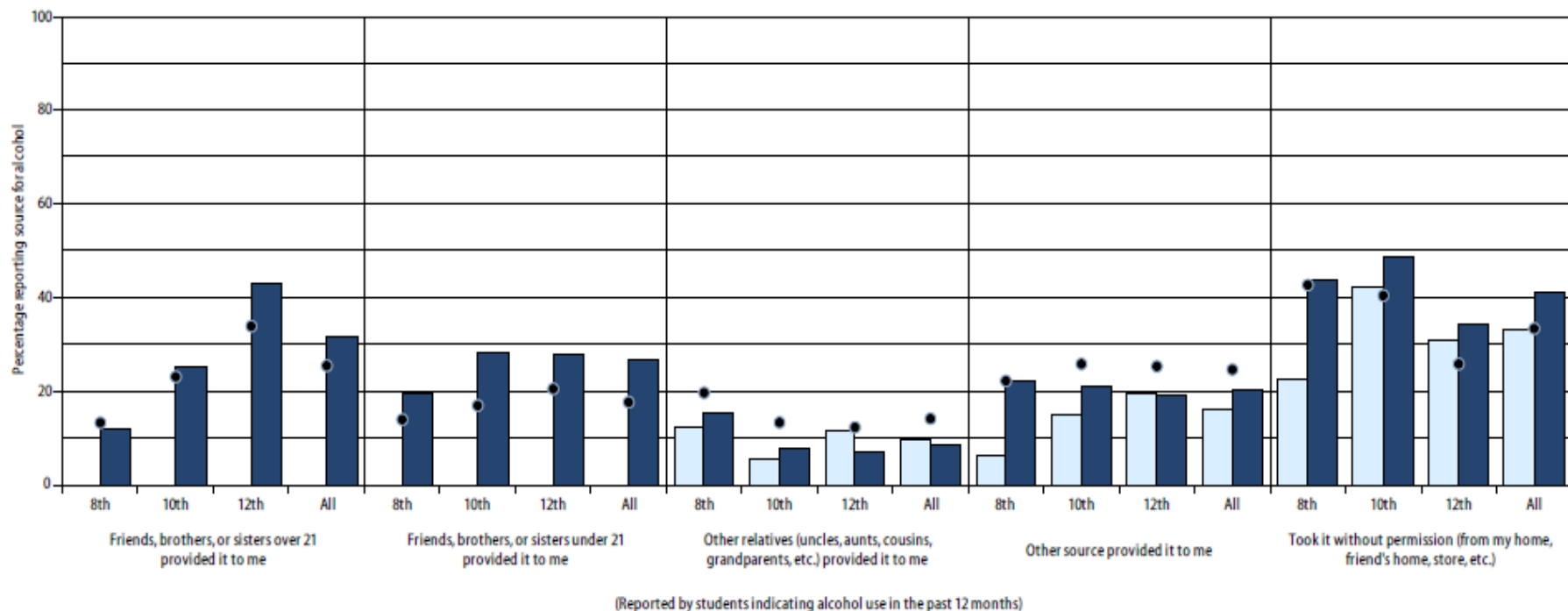
## Central Bucks School District 2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey



## Vaping substances used by students indicating electronic vaping product use in the past year Central Bucks School District 2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey

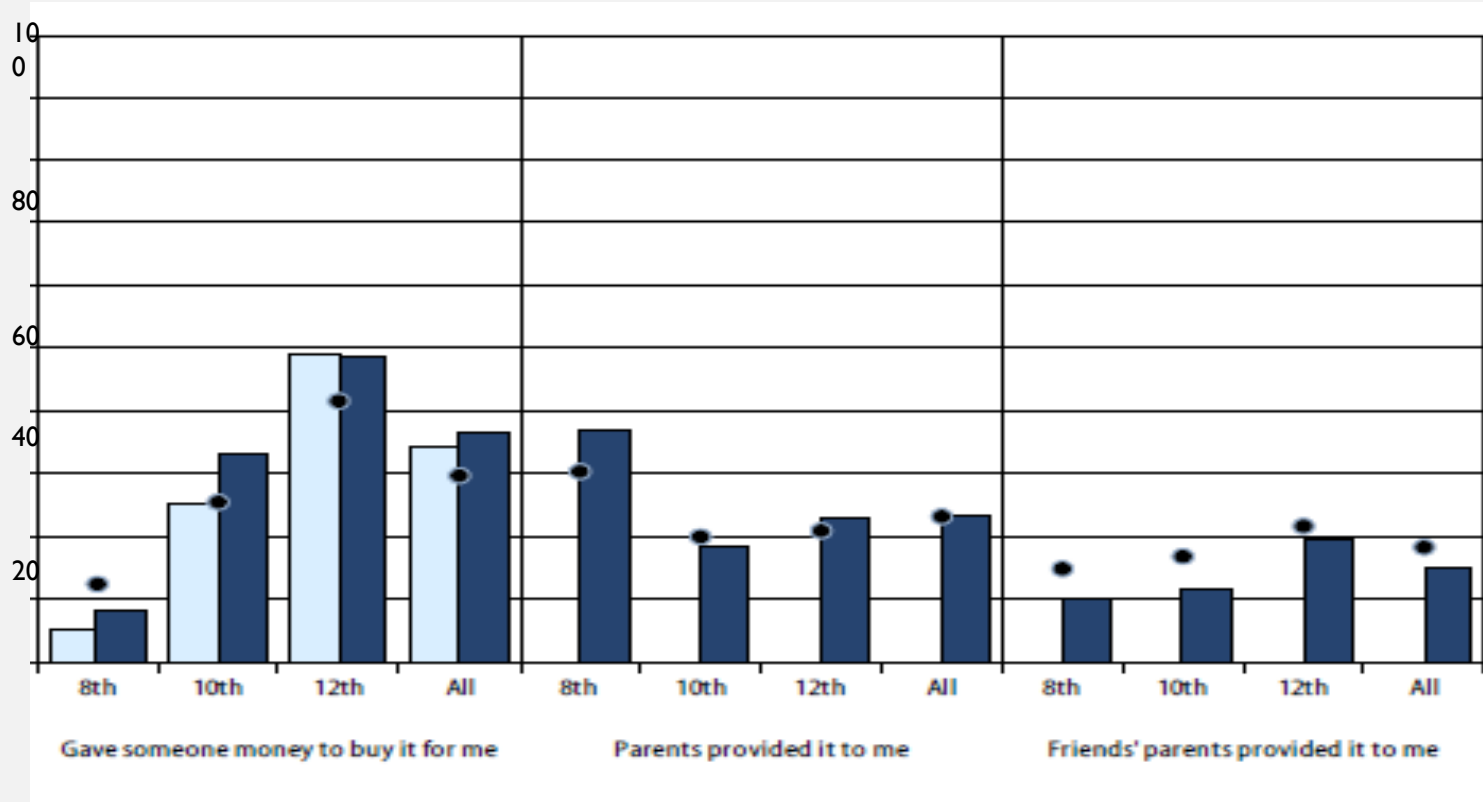


## Sources of alcohol by students who reported alcohol use Central Bucks School District 2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey

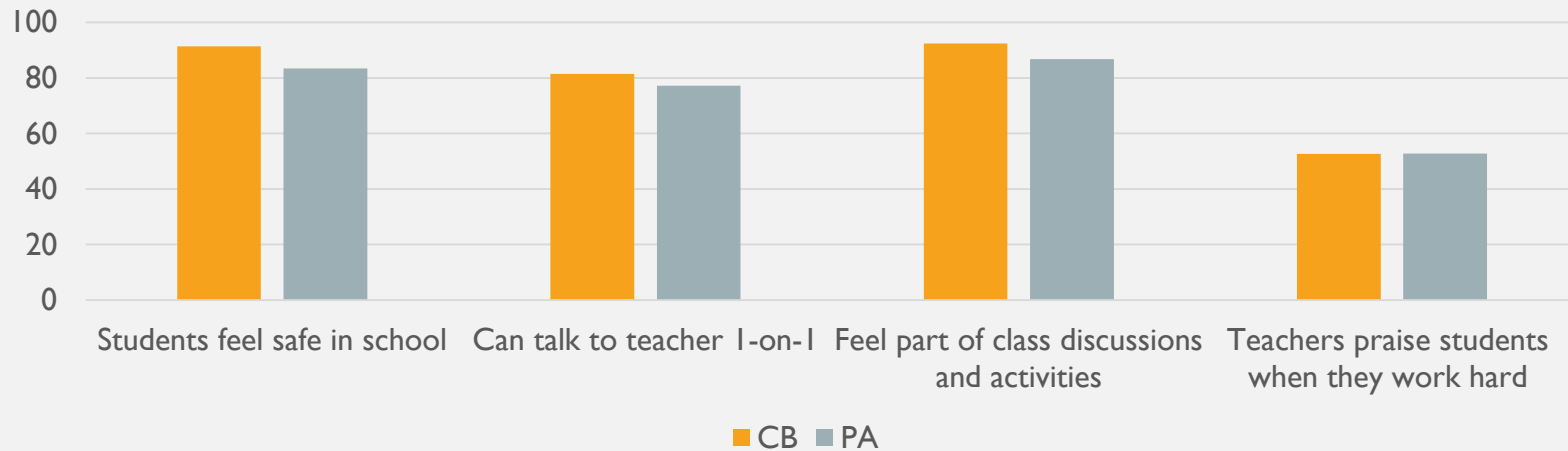


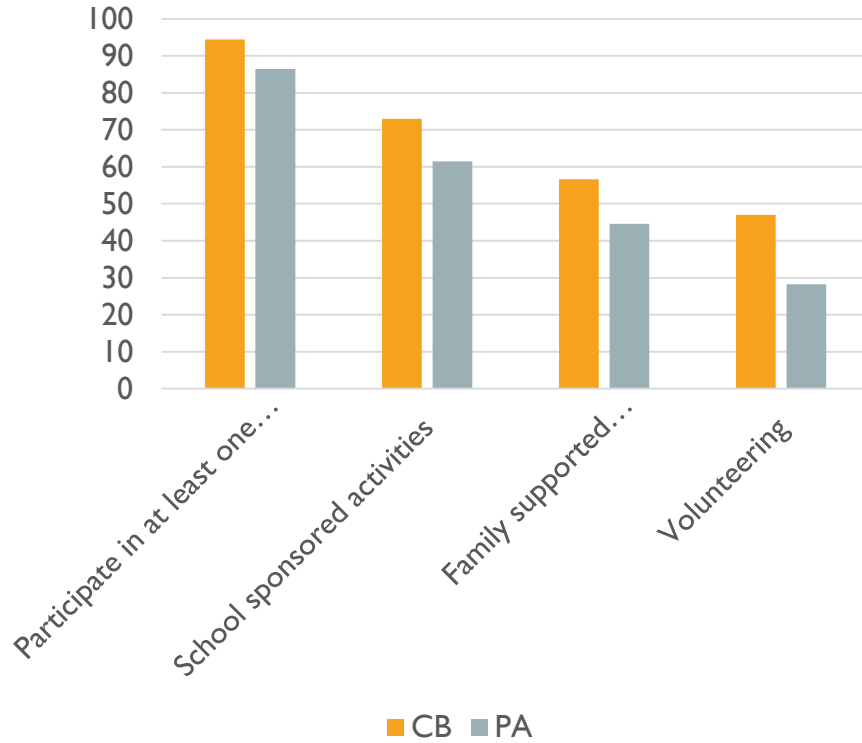
District 2015
  District 2017
  State 2017

# SOURCES OF ALCOHOL, CONT'D



## COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL, *CONT'D*





## INVOLVEMENT IN PRO-SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



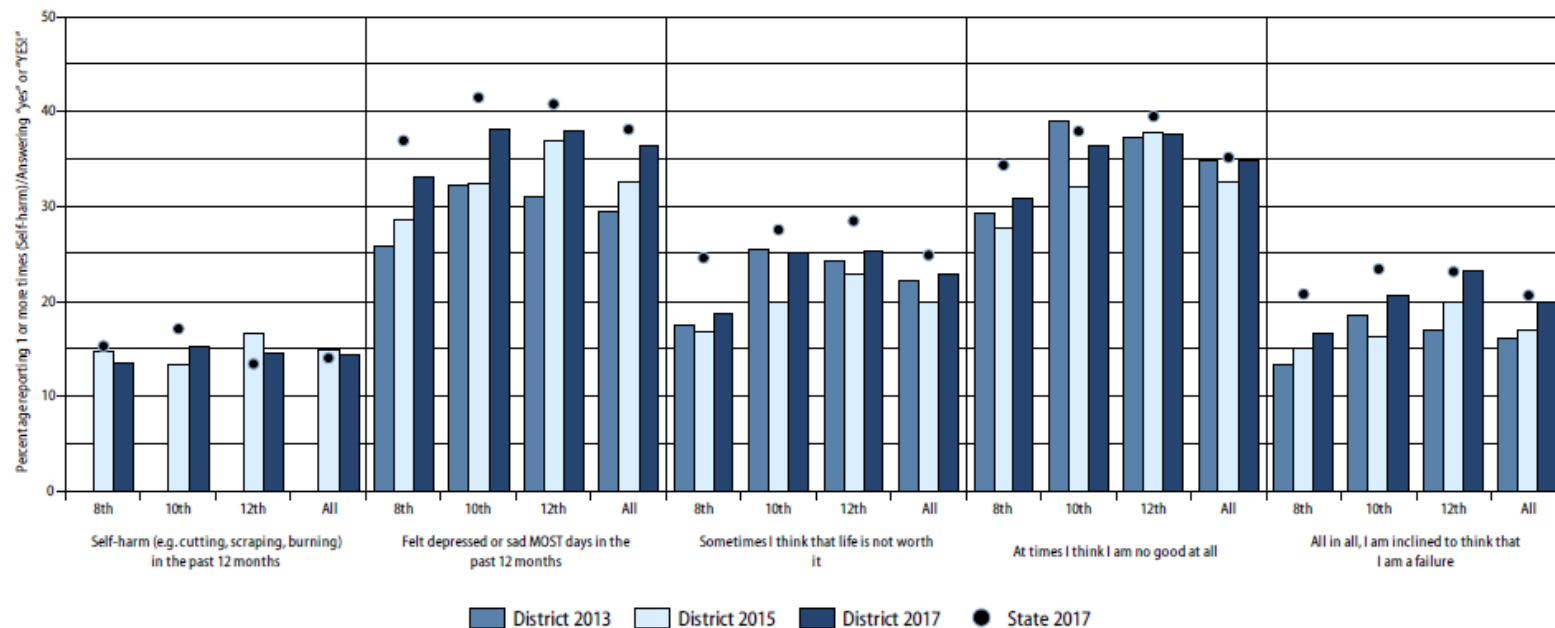
## BULLYING

**68.7 % of CB students replied “NO”** when asked if they had been bullied in the past 12 months.

For those that did report bullying, 67% stated that “**Adults at my school stop bullying**” when they see/hear it, or students tell them about it.

## Mental Health Concerns

### Central Bucks School District 2017 Pennsylvania Youth Survey





## TAKEAWAYS:

1. Increase in vaping/e-cigarettes
2. Decrease in Perception of Risk of Marijuana
3. The Role of Social and Emotional Health as a Risk Factor
4. Students Feel Connected to Schools and Teachers
5. Parents' Positive Influence on Student Attitudes
6. Abundant Opportunities for Pro-Social Involvement



*Central Bucks*

*Student Assistance*

*Program*

*(S.A.P)*

# What Is S.A.P?



The Student Assistance Team is a group of administrators, teachers, counselors, healthcare and community mental health professionals who aim to identify students whose family problems, mental health concerns, alcohol and drug issues cause them to perform or behave poorly at school.



# Why does SAP Exist?



Our school's Student Assistance Team is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Student Assistance Program (SAP).

The program is administered by the PA Department of Education and the records and statistics of SAP programs are reported annually to the state.



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# Who Can Refer Students to SAP?



- Teachers
- Nurse
- Counselor
- Classmates
- Friends
- Parents/Guardians



## Who Should be Referred to SAP?

Any student whose personal issues, emotional problems, or challenges with drugs and alcohol are impeding their school performance.



- Access a SAP Team Member
  - Mrs. Trammell
  - Mrs. Blankenburg
  - Mr. Newdeck
  - Mrs. Kincus
  - Mrs. Louderback
  - Mrs. Radice
  - Mr. Striano
- Fill out referral online
  - Go to Holicong Website and visit Guidance Section
  - Click on SAP from the left hand column
  - Fill out referral form linked there

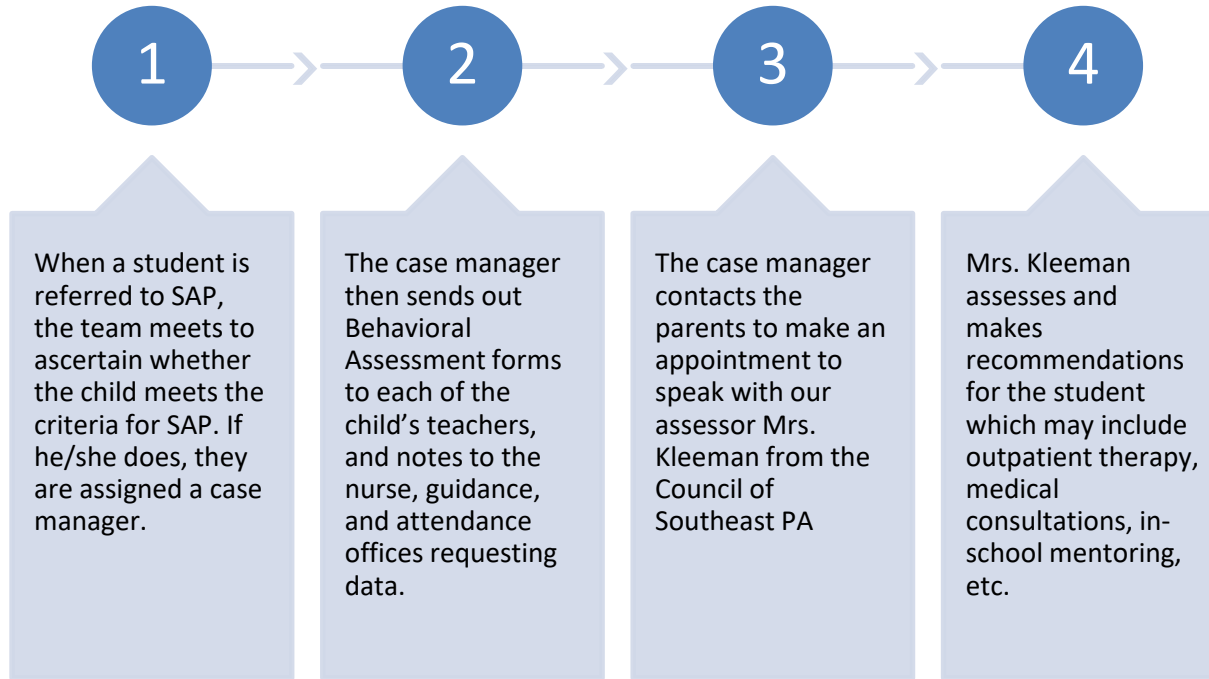
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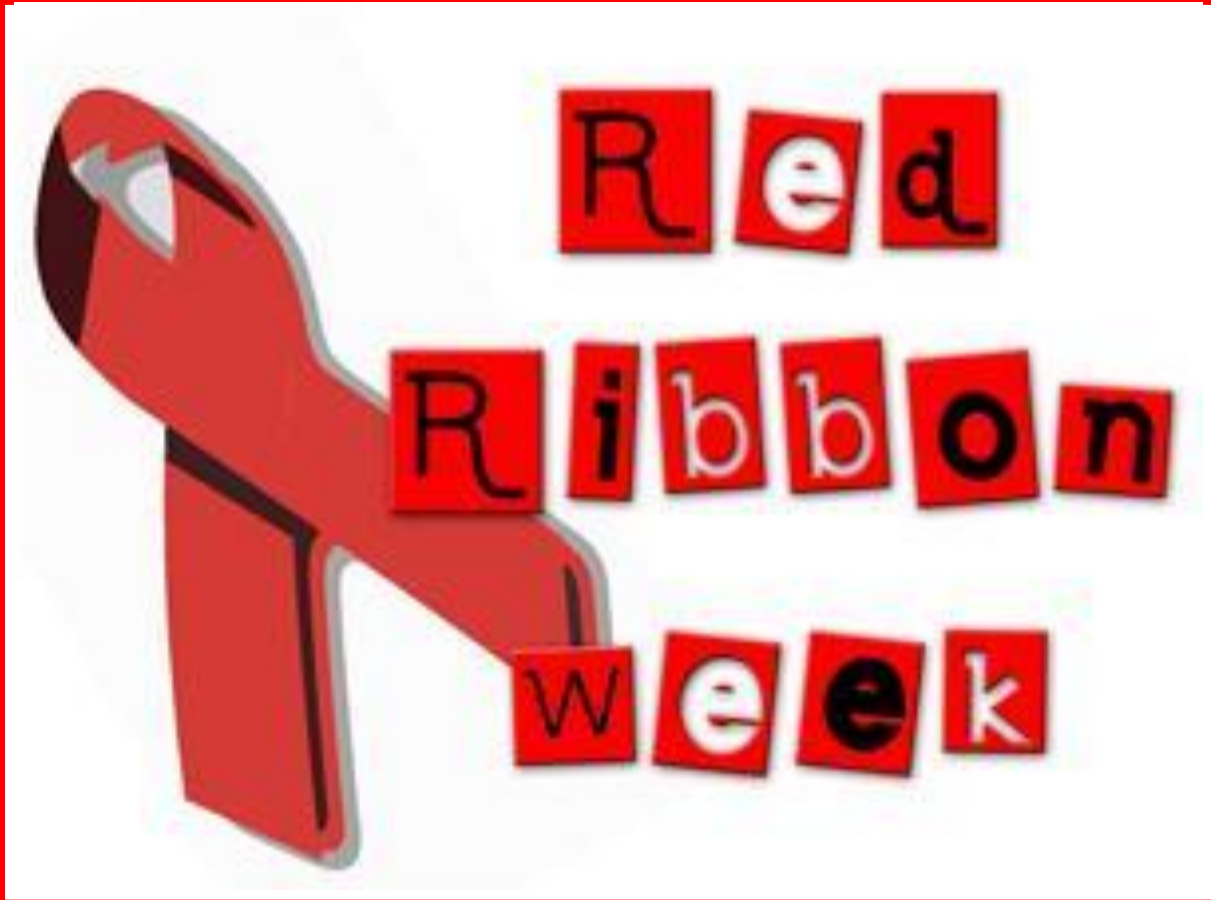
How do I refer someone  
to SAP





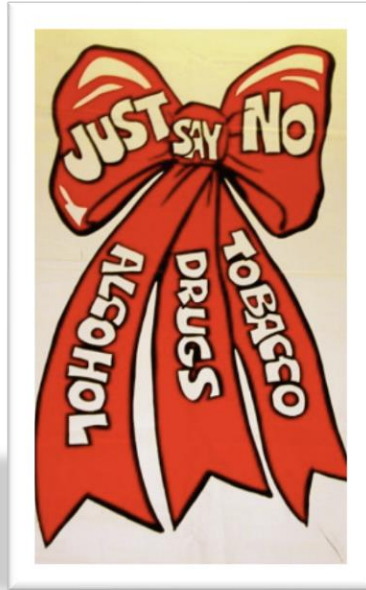
# What happens when a student is referred?





# About Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Although the start end dates can vary slightly depending on the organization and source,



Red Ribbon Week generally takes place the last full week in October, including the weekend before and after.

This year Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 22-26.

# About Red Ribbon Week

**Red Ribbon Week** serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our community through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America.



Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

"No Use of Illegal Drugs, No Illegal Use of Legal Drugs"

[www.redribboncoalition.com](http://www.redribboncoalition.com)



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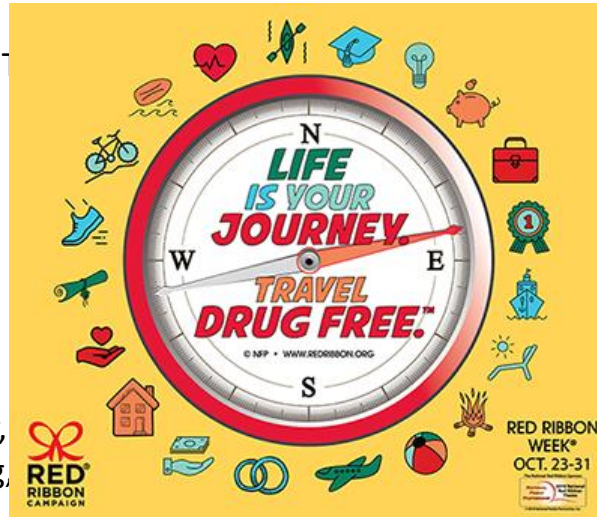
Today, Red Ribbon Week is nationally recognized and celebrated, helping to preserve Special Agent Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life.



The Red Ribbon Campaign also became a symbol of support for the DEA's efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs.

By wearing a red ribbon during the last week in October, Americans demonstrate their ardent opposition to drugs. They pay homage not only to Special Agent Camarena, but to all men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our nation's struggle against drug trafficking and abuse.

# 2018 Red Ribbon Theme



The Red Ribbon Campaign is about awareness, advocacy, and showing a strong, united front.

What can you do this October 22-26th to make a difference?

# Red Ribbon Week

Spirit Days 10/22 to 10/26

*Sponsored by P.O.P.S.*

Monday – Wear your ribbons



Tuesday – Team Jersey Day “Chose your team!  
Chose to be Drug-Free!”



Wednesday - Hat Day “Put a Lid on Drugs!”



Thursday - Wear Red Day – Yearbook Picture



Friday- Pajama Day – “Dream of a good drug-free life!”





# SUPERINTENDENT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## OCTOBER SUPERINTENDENT MEETING NOTES

# WORKSHOPS & ACTION PLANS

(TOPICS FOR WORKSHOPS ALIGN WITH CBSD MIDDLE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY & MISSION)

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WHOLE GROUP BRAINSTORM

SPECIFIC ACTION PLAN

# Philosophy



The Central Bucks School District middle schools educate the **whole child** by meeting the physical, social, intellectual, and emotional needs of adolescents in an engaging, creative environment while maintaining **rigorous, interdisciplinary instructional programs and opportunities.**

# Mission



## The Central Bucks School District middle schools believe in:

- An **educational process** that involves students, parents, families, educators, and the Central Bucks community
- **Curriculum** that encourages healthy lifestyles, responsible citizenship, and **emotional wellness**
- **Student-centered, real-world learning experiences** that emphasize critical thinking and problem solving
- Preparation for the demands of the **21st century** that include both instruction in **technology and digital citizenship**
- **Teaming** to build community and collaboration in and among all students and staff
- **Exposure to exploratory specials** programs
- The value of **extracurricular and co-curricular** activities
- Partnerships with our **community** that build a sense of **identity, cultural proficiency, responsibility, and connectedness to others**

# Q & A FROM PARENT COUNCIL PAGE

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**Q:** Tutoring: how much time is a teacher available to assist a student before a tutor is recommended?

**A:** This would depend on a variety of factors and individual to each student. We do offer after school help, resource, Open Study, and our tutoring program with CB East at the school level.

**Q:** What is the electronic book process and who determines this process?

**A:** District curriculum supervisors work with departments during curriculum committee meetings. Textbook adoption has a process where supervisors receive approval from secondary principals and the district curriculum committee.

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