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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Annually I report to you the results of our students' performance on the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK).

It is a distinct pleasure and an absolute honor to report to you that our students have once again improved their performance on the NJASK.

As a district, the percentage of students achieving proficient or advanced proficient on the NJASK improved from 88.8% to 91.6%. This is in comparison to schools in the same district factor group (DFG) which improved from 81.4% to 81.6% proficient and advanced proficient, and at the state level, schools up to grade 8 actually declined from 73.1% to 72.9% proficient and advanced proficient.

Each of our schools, the middle and elementary schools, improved performance in all tested areas, mathematics, language arts and science. In each school the level of improvement eclipsed that of our district factor group which improved only slightly, and the state which remained flat or declined slightly.

Last year I began referencing a website, www.schooldigger.com. At the school level rankings are based upon teacher student ratio, NJASK scores in language arts and mathematics, and the combined NJASK score. Union Township Elementary School's ranking improved 68 spaces to 93rd in the state out of 1254 elementary schools, and the Union Township Middle School's ranking improved 86 spaces to 20th in the state out of 674 middle schools! The schooldigger website averages the results of all schools in the district to determine a district ranking, out of 558 school districts in New Jersey. Union Township School District ranks at 20th!

IN ALL LEVELS OF COMPARISON UNION TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT IS THE HIGHEST ACHIEVING SCHOOL DISTRICT IN HUNTERDON COUNTY!

I extend my congratulations to the students, staff and families of Union Township, your continued commitment to academic achievement is demonstrated in this unparalleled success.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Bender