

Secaucus Public Schools
Superintendent's Report

May 3, 2010

Once again, I would like to thank the residents of Secaucus for supporting the 2010-2011 School District Budget.

As I mentioned in my letter published in the April Issue of our District Newsletter, this community is to be commended for taking a stand on Public Education, which I believe to be the basis for our cultural and political system.

We attempted to show residents and taxpayers that we are aware of the difficult economic times facing us all by proposing a school budget with an increase of only 2.5% while most districts elected to go to the maximum cap of 4%.

This gesture, although risky, did not go unnoticed by the community, and they responded by overwhelmingly supporting our schools.

Unfortunately, even with the passage of the budget, we must implement the 2.6 million dollars in reductions that we promised taxpayers in order to balance the cuts in State Aid.

We will make the reductions, also as promised, so as to do the least harm to students, programs and staff.

It has taken years to build a school system that provides a quality education to every child. It is truly a community effort that involves residents, parents, teachers, administration and the Board of Education.

We will deal with the current fiscal crisis in New Jersey that impacts all 600 school districts.

We will maintain and advance the tradition of great schools in Secaucus.

**Cynthia Randina
Superintendent**