



# Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Little Falls Families,

I cannot believe that the 2019-20 school year begins tomorrow. This year, our theme is **EVERYONE COUNTS**. I hope you all had the opportunity to read the note I sent yesterday and enjoyed watching our video. As I take this opportunity to officially welcome back our returning families and extend a warm Hornet welcome to those who are new, I would like to share some important information.

## What will the 2019-20 school year bring:

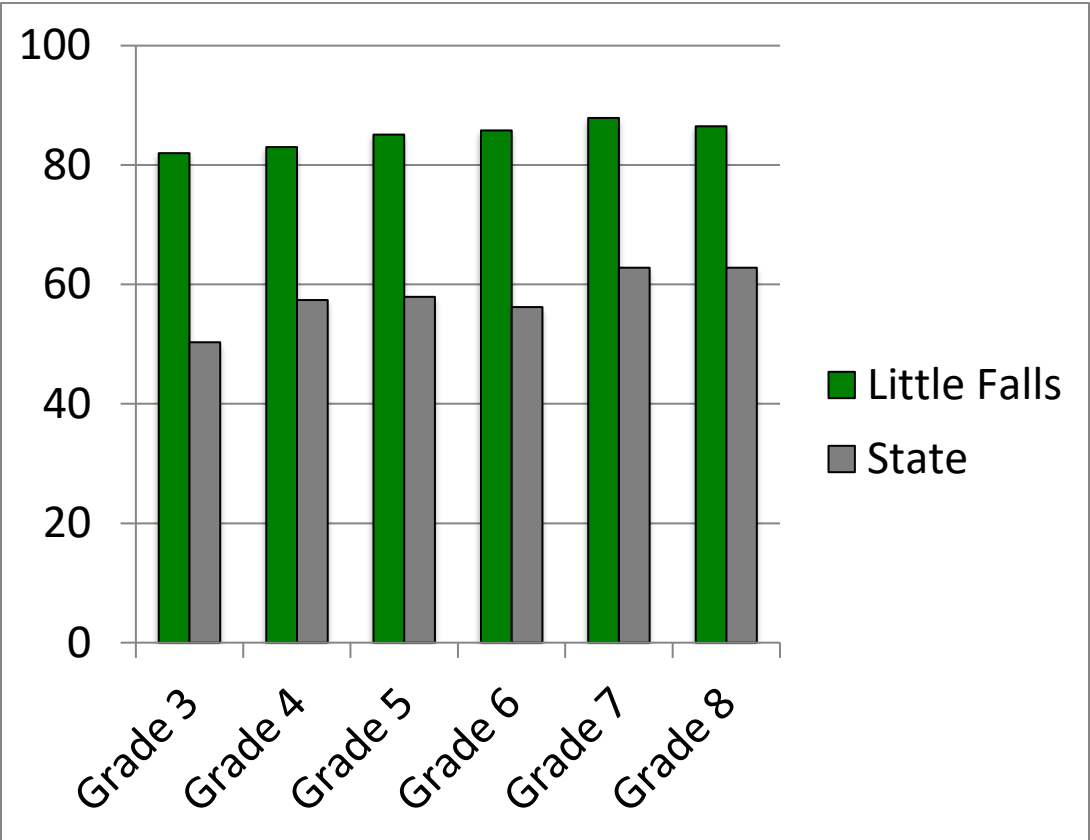
- Named 1 of 11 NJDOE identified Lighthouse School Districts
- Highlighted by LinkIT in their Data Magazine
- A new strategic plan – Little Falls Looking Forward
- Additional Playground equipment at School #1
- School #3 was powerwashed
- School #3 received tammscoat
- New Projection Screens in all 3 schools **(THANK YOU School 2/3 PTA & School 1 PTSA!!!)**
- New Math Intervention position
- New School #1 Principal
- Additional security cameras and blue emergency lights
- Beautification at School #3
- Extensive Math professional development for teacher 3-8

## Test Sores:

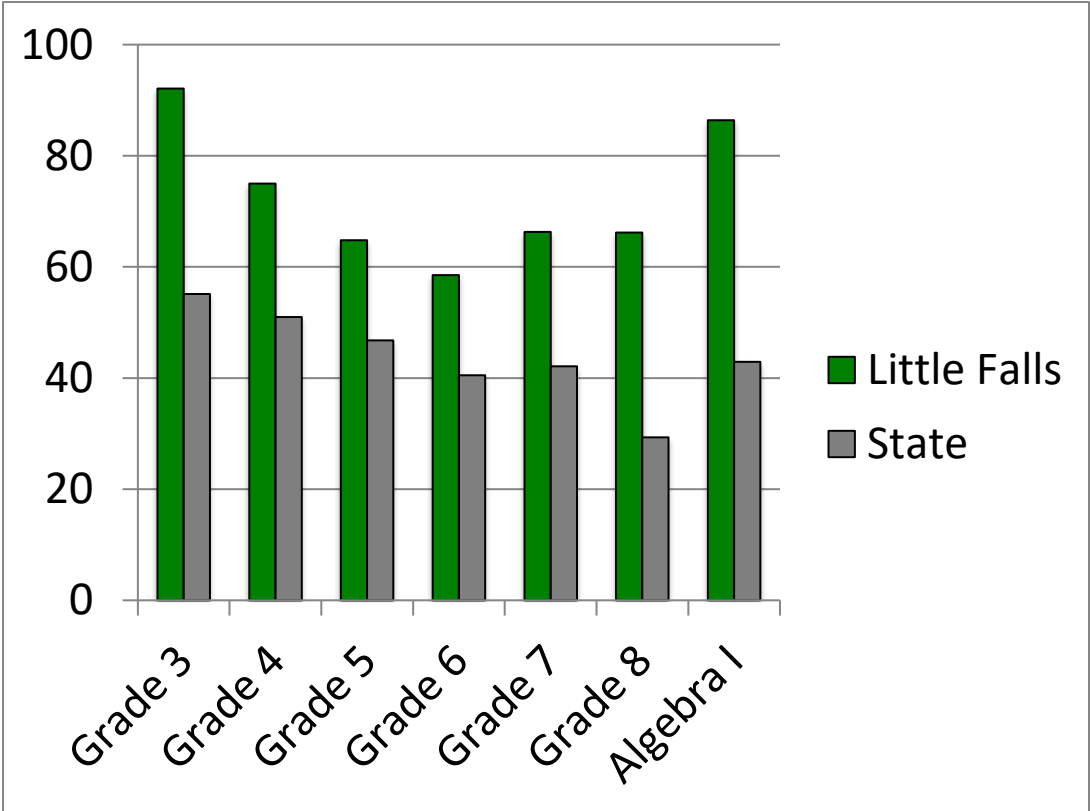
The preliminary NJSLA test data has arrived, and Little Falls has reason to celebrate. In all grade levels and content areas, we continue performing well above the state.

A comprehensive Test Score analysis presentation will take place during our October 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting.

2019 NJSLA ELA results - % students meeting and exceeding expectations (scoring 4 or 5)



2019 NJSLA Math results - % students meeting and exceeding expectations (scoring 4 or 5)



**Pride Guide:**

Each family has received a Pride Guide. For your convenience, a copy of the Pride Guide can be found here: [PRIDE GUIDE](#). The Pride Guide outlines expectations and provides common language for what it means to have Hornet Pride. Each student and parent/guardian will be asked to sign and return a form acknowledging that they have read the guide.

**Parent Handbook:**

For your convenience, a copy of the parent handbook can be found here: [PARENT HANDBOOK](#). Each student and parent/guardian will be asked to sign and return a form acknowledging that they have read the handbook.

**2019-2020 Goals and Objectives:**

After an in-depth analysis of both staff and student data by the District Evaluation Committee (DEAC), School Improvement Panels (ScIP), and Administrative Team, the 2019-20 Goals and Objectives have been developed. We use a pyramid approach, where Goals and Objectives are developed for the District first and then each school team develops their goals and objectives. This encourages a common vision, while allowing for individual implementation, activities, and rationale. Please find a list of the district and school goals here: [DISTRICT AND SCHOOL GOALS](#).

The Administrative Team will be presenting the 2019-20 goals and objectives in their entirety during our September 17th Board of Education Meeting. The meeting will be held at School No. 1 at 7:00pm in the All Purpose Room. We hope to see you there.

**Communication:**

In order to reduce the amount of paper used, we will continue to primarily send flyers home digitally. Posted on the left hand side of each School's homepage of the website is a section labeled "Friday Folder".

You have been asked to provide us with one or more telephone numbers and email addresses. Please make sure that your child's main office(s) has your most recent information, as these tools are used not only to pass along daily information, but are also used for emergency situations.

Below are ways that you can stay connected with us:

Website: [www.lfschools.org](http://www.lfschools.org)

Twitter: @LFSchools

@LFSchool2

@LFSchool3

@LFSchool1

Instagram lfsuperintendent

Below, please find a list of policies that are an important component of our vision. These policies can be found on our district website under the “Board of Education” tab at the top and then “BOE Bylaws and Policies” to the left. Our policies are designed to ensure an orderly environment, where students, staff, and those who are part of our academic community can be emotionally and physically safe. A comprehensive list of all policies is available on our website as well.

| Policy Number | Policy Name                                                           |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2361          | Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources           |
| 2260          | Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices         |
| 5612          | Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees          |
| 2423          | Bilingual and ESL Education                                           |
| 6230          | Budget Hearing                                                        |
| 1523          | Comprehensive Equity Plan                                             |
| 3126          | District Mentoring Program                                            |
| 2610          | Educational Program Evaluation                                        |
| 3283          | Electronic Communications Between Teaching Staff Members and Students |
| 4283          | Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students  |
| 7441          | Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds     |
| 5500          | Expectations for Pupil Conduct                                        |
| 5512          | Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying                                |
| 2415.03       | Highly Qualified Teachers                                             |
| 2422          | Health and Physical Education                                         |
| 5230          | Late Arrival & Early Dismissal                                        |
| 5331          | Management of Life – Threatening Allergies in Schools                 |
| 2415          | No Child Left Behind Programs                                         |
| 8760          | Pupil Accident Insurance                                              |
| 8330          | Student Records                                                       |
| 8601          | Pupil Supervision After School Dismissal                              |
| 2415.05       | Pupil Surveys, Analysis and/or Evaluations                            |
| 1510          | Americans with Disabilities Act                                       |
| 5613          | Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses                |
| 5611          | Removal of Students for Firearms offenses                             |
| 8540          | School Nutrition Programs                                             |
| 7422          | School Integrated Pest Management Plan                                |
| 5751          | Sexual Harassment                                                     |
| 2460          | Special Education                                                     |
| 5600          | Student Discipline / Code of Conduct                                  |
| 5350          | Student Suicide Prevention                                            |
| 5530          | Substance Abuse                                                       |
| 2415.04       | Title I District-Wide Parental Involvement                            |
| 8600          | Transportation                                                        |
| 8467          | Weapons                                                               |

**“One District...One Team...One Vision...Everyone Counts”**

Best,



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