MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Ethnic Diversity of Students in Bernards Twp. Public Schools - 2006 - 2014

Ethnic composition of students in Bernards Township Public Schools (BTPS) in recent years has followed a consistent pattern. In the eight years since 2006, total Public School Student (PSS) increased only 271 (5.0%). All increase in PSS has been in ethnic minority students, up 749 (76.0%). Number of White students reduced 479 (-10.8%). The largest Minority growth has been in students of Asian descent, an increase of 572 (69.7%). Total of all Other Ethnic groups increased 749 (75.6%).

The number of White public school students (PSS) peaked at 4,485 in 2008 when they comprised 79.9% of the student body. At that time, Asian ethnic students totaled 931 and composed 16.6% of total students. Other Ethnic PSS groups combined totaled 199 or 3.5%. Asian ethnic students now (2014) total 1,393 or 24.4% of the current student body. Numbers of ethnic White PSS have reduced by 518 and are 69.5% of the PSS body.

The following graphs display ethnic diversity changes in the eight years since 2006:

Graph 1a. PSS Total and major Ethnic grouping - 2006 through 2014.

Graph 1b. Student ethnicity as a percent of total students - 2006 through 2014.


Graph 3a. 2007 Student Ethnicity percentages for Total of Grades K - 5, Wm Annin MS, Ridge High, and All Schools Total.

Graph 4a. 2007 Student Ethnicity percentages for Neighborhood Schools: Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner, Mt. Prospect, and Oak Street.

Graphs 3b & 4b, Graphs 3c & 4c, Graphs 3d & 4d, Graphs 3e & 4e, Graph 3f & 4f, Graph 3g & 4g, and Graph 3h & 4h are repeats of year 2007 displays for year 2008 thru 2014.

While English is the primary language spoken in 88.9% of PSS homes, an additional 45 languages are principle in the remaining homes of PSS. Five (5) Chinese languages are spoken as primary language in 3.3% of PSS homes, twelve (12) Indian languages are spoken as primary language in 2.7% of PSS homes, ditto Korean 1.0%, Spanish 1.7%, Portuguese 0.4% and Russian in 0.4%. The remaining 20 languages are principle in the remaining 1.6% PSS homes.

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Attachments: 11 pages (Graphs 1a through 4h)
Bernards Twp. Schools
Student Ethnicity, Percent of Total Students

Graph 1b
Public School Student Ethnicity
Fall 2008

K-5, Middle School, High School & Total of all Schools

Graph 3b

Public School Student Ethnicity
Fall 2008

Neighborhood Schools

Graph 4b
Public School Student Ethnicity
Fall 2011

K-5 Total, Middle School, High School, & Total of All Schools

Graph 3e

Public School Student Ethnicity
Fall 2011

Cedar Hill  Liberty Corner  Mt. Prospect  Oak Street
Neighborhood Schools, Grades K - 5

Graph 4e
Public School Student Ethnicity
Fall 2012

Graph 3f

Public School Student Ethnicity
Fall 2012

Graph 4f