



NJQSAC Equivalency Process for High Performing Districts

I'm pleased to provide this information with regard to Midland Park's NJQSAC process. By way of review, NJQSAC stands for New Jersey's Quality Single Accountability Continuum and is the Department of Education's monitoring and evaluation system for public school districts. QSAC evaluates districts through a single comprehensive accountability process that consolidates and incorporates the monitoring requirements of applicable state laws and programs and complements federally-required improvements. Through QSAC, districts are monitored according to five components that, based on research, have been identified to be key factors in effective school districts: Instruction & Program, Operations, Governance, Fiscal, and Personnel.

This year, the NJDOE's has revised and streamlined the QSAC process for select districts. We received notification this week that a state review of our district's submitted DPRs in each of the five QSAC areas has resulted in designation as a "High Performing District." Midland Park School District is therefore eligible to submit an equivalency application which will waive completion of an extensive District Performance Review and time-consuming QSAC monitoring. Public comment on the proposal and process was provided at the BOE meeting of 12/16/14 and the district will continue to submit annual Statement of Assurances until the next scheduled monitoring date, maintaining its high performing status for a period of three years.

We're very pleased to have been justly recognized through QSAC, especially during this period of high accountability measures in public education. We plan to use the time and resources provided through this equivalency application to support continued best practices in the five key areas. Finally, we wish to acknowledge the contributions of all district staff: administration, instructional, support, and buildings and grounds personnel, and the Board of Education, our students, and school families, for their contributions to this well-deserved designation.