

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Superintendent

MEMO

DATE: December 23, 2011

TO: Parents

FROM: Valerie A. Goger

RE: Homework Survey Results

In recent weeks, students, teachers, and parents were surveyed regarding several aspects of homework. The survey results have been compiled in a report prepared by Director of Curriculum Sean Siet. It is posted on our website, and contains links to three Power Point survey summaries. Mr. Siet will present this report at the January 9 Board of Education meeting, in conjunction with his report on college statistics and trends.

Over the course of the winter months, the faculty will be discussing homework guidelines proposed by the administration after review of the survey results. Final guidelines should be in place by March.

An immediate action taken based upon the overwhelming sentiment expressed by parents about homework/projects assigned over recess breaks is the institution of 'homework free' recess periods, beginning with this first long recess week of the year. Long term work assigned over a period of time containing a recess week may not be due earlier than one week after students return from the recess. This should allow students to manage their time and balance long term assignments in consideration of family activities.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.