

## Newer facility means more advantages

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Students and teachers have more to explore during their second year in the renovated high school building.

For Neshaminy High School students and faculty, much of last year was spent adjusting to the newly renovated building and the more than 250,000 square feet of brand new space.

This year, officials said, is about taking full advantage of everything the new facility has to offer.

"Everything is finally settled in. I think we had a great year there last year but this one will be even better," said Geeta Heble, the district's director of curriculum and instruction. "The new building has lots of new technology like overhead projectors and smart boards and more is on the way."

Teachers now have common meeting rooms, which will facilitate collaborative conversations, Heble added.

The three-year construction project cost \$82 million, of which the district borrowed \$77 million, officials said.

Heble said the state-of-the-art high school will not only allow for a better learning experience, but could help take students' minds off the ongoing labor dispute between the teachers union and the school board.

"I think the environment is really phenomenal," she said. "The kids put up with all the construction for so long, it's just nice to see them enjoying and exploring the building."

The Neshaminy School District serves approximately 8,800 students in 12 schools throughout Middletown, Langhorne, Langhorne Manor, Pennel, Hulmeville and Lower Southampton. The district employs more than 1,400 people and has adopted a roughly \$161 million budget for this school year, officials said.

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### WHO'S WHO IN THE SCHOOLS

Superintendent: Louis T. Muenker, 215-809-6500

Director of Elementary and Secondary education: Jacqueline Rattigan, 215-809-6510

Business Administrator: Joseph V. Paradise, 215-809-6520

Director of Curriculum and Instruction: Geeta Heble, 215-809-6550

Director of Pupil Services and Federal Programs Coordinator: Kevin Kane, 215-809-6588

Acting Director of Human Resources: Patricia Boylan, 215-809-6606

Principals:

The Learning Center at Neshaminy High School: Joann Holland, 215-809-6240

Neshaminy High: Rob McGee, 215-809-6100

Maple Point Middle: Alex Menio, 215-809-6230

Poquessing Middle: Ronald Sayre, 215-809-6210

Carl Sandburg Middle: Dawn Kelly, 215-809-6220

Pearl Buck Elementary: Stephanie Miguelez, 215-809-6300

Samuel Everitt Elementary: Andre Modica, 215-809-6320

Joseph Ferderbar Elementary: Judy Brown, 215-809-6370

Oliver Heckman Elementary: Brian Kern, 215-809-6330

Herbert Hoover Elementary: Anthony Rybarczyk, 215-809-6340

Lower Southampton Elementary: Charles D'Alfonso, 215-809-6350

Walter Miller Elementary: Paul Mahoney, 215-809-6360

Albert Schweitzer Elementary: Kathleen Brewster, 215-809-6380

School board:

President Ritchie Webb, Vice President Kim Koutsouradis, Irene M. Boyle, Scott Congdon, Susan Cummings, Richard M. Eccles, Mike Morris, William D. O'Connor and Bill Oettinger.

The board meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., except in July and August. The board does not normally meet in July. It meets on the fourth Tuesday in August. Public work sessions and public board meetings are held in the administrative boardroom of the Maple Point Middle School in Middletown. To reach the school board, visit [www.neshaminy.k12.pa.us](http://www.neshaminy.k12.pa.us) and follow the links.

2010-11 School Calendar

August 31: First day for students

Sept. 3: Labor Day holiday, no school

Sept. 6: Labor Day Holiday, district closed

Sept. 9-10: Rosh Hashana, no school

Nov. 2: Election Day, no school

Nov. 11: Veterans Day, district closed

Nov. 24-26: Thanksgiving holiday

Dec. 23-Jan. 1: Christmas recess

Jan. 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school

Feb. 21: Presidents Day, district closed

March 2: No school/Teacher in-service

April 18-22: Spring recess

May 17: Election Day, no school

May 30: Memorial Day, district closed

June 16: Last day for students

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