



# Levittown LEADER

## CHARTING THE WAY TOWARD SUCCESS

From their earliest days as kindergartners to their final days of high school, each student in Levittown Schools is driven and supported to reach their highest potential. Hence, the motto for our district – Success For Every Student. But what does “success” look like for each individual student? Success is not singular. There are limitless avenues for one to pursue their passions and interests. Our mission as a district is to prepare students for every possibility. By working together, we do just that. As the world evolves and career paths change, our scope expands to include programs, courses and extracurricular opportunities that allow all students to find their niche.

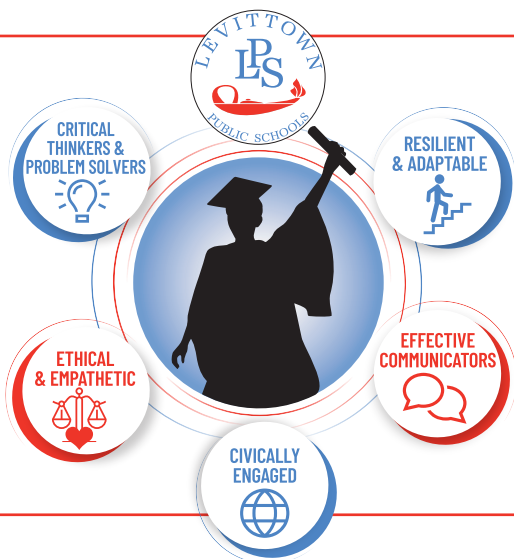
As the first area of our districtwide Strategic Plan introduced this school year, we work together to prepare all students for postsecondary life. This involves equipping them with the comprehensive social, emotional and academic skills they will need in life while also connecting them with resources and career opportunities in our community and beyond. Our course offerings, for example, are being bolstered with more options to ensure the needs and interests of all students are met.

“The development and implementation of our Strategic Plan is the first step in ensuring that we continue providing a future-ready



program,” Superintendent of Schools Todd Winch said. “The expansion of our course offerings, combined with the rich opportunities already present, will ensure that all students can put their best foot forward into a larger world after graduation.”

As we explore some new and existing educational opportunities, scan the QR code to take a look at our full course catalog for all the amazing experiences available to Levittown students.



## Portrait of a Graduate

The initiatives and new courses featured in this newsletter reflect our Strategic Plan and our plan’s Portrait of a Graduate. Please keep an eye on our information channels as we highlight our graduates and share how they harnessed the skills featured in our Portrait of a Graduate to meet with success beyond high school.

# #SuccessAtLPS Means Options for All

As our Strategic Plan continues to take shape, several new courses are being introduced in Levittown schools to better prepare students for postsecondary life. Below are some of those new, exciting offerings, as well as examples of continuing programs that meet the same goal.

## Success for All Has No Limit

### Our First Vocational Fair

Levittown's first Vocational Fair came to both General Douglas MacArthur and Division Avenue high schools earlier this year and was met with a successful turnout. Hosted by the schools' respective guidance departments, a wide range of local professionals representing several vocations connected with students. Organizations included BOCES GC Tech, Hunter Business School, the Levittown Fire Department, and the United States Army and Navy, and many more. Whether it was finding a new interest or diving deeper into an existing one, all students were able to find a connection that benefits them. Additionally, the guidance departments host college fairs and financial aid nights that help in planning for life after high school.



### Preparing for the Next Step at the Transition Fair

Co-sponsored by Levittown SEPTA, the Transition Fair has become a massive benefit to students in the special education program. Students are encouraged to participate in several presentations focused on preparing them for life after school in Levittown, including talks regarding legal issues, health benefits, college planning and obtaining and maintaining employment. Several universities and local organizations have joined and help with connecting students to engaging opportunities. In Levittown, students with disabilities are equipped with essential life skills that are vital in making such a transition.



### Taking Up the Mantle at Commerce Plaza

As part of our ongoing partnerships with local community organizations, elementary students take routine trips to Commerce Plaza, located in the YES Community Counseling Center. Always an exciting visit for students, Commerce Plaza hosts an array of simulated businesses that allow them to think critically and problem solve. Students arrive dressed to take on their professional role that leads to a deeper understanding of the world of business and economics. Commerce Plaza trips are always appreciated by students for a glimpse into the larger working world.



## A Look at Exciting New Course Offerings

### Future Teachers

Students who aspire to be educators of the following generations will now get an early start on the career path while in high school. Available next year to grades 11-12, Future Teachers will cover topics such as educational requirements, teaching strategies, lesson development and historical, philosophical and social perspectives on education. Students in this course will visit classrooms throughout the district to take on the role of a teacher!

### Real Estate

Students have asked, and we've listened – coming to the district next year will be a College Real Estate course for upperclassmen who are interested in the world of real estate. Students will find this introduction to the profession useful as they learn how to become future buyers or sellers and about career paths in real estate. With a focus on residential and commercial property in the New York metropolitan and Long Island areas, the course will cover topics including real estate instruments, brokerage, financing, appraisals and valuations. Upon successful completion, students will receive a certificate qualifying them to sit for the NYS Real Estate Salesperson Licensing Examination once they turn 18.

### Advanced Woodworking

Advanced Woodworking, soon to be open to grades 10-12, will put success in the hands of the student. The new course will combine aspects of engineering with wood and metal to create an opportunity for students to develop skills and knowhow in manufactured materials. Students will use tools and machines commonly used in manufacturing and construction industries to create their own structural designs. This course will be a vital first step for those seeking to pursue careers and studies that require a core knowledge of professional-level woodworking.

### Branding Yourself for Success

Regardless of whether a student chooses to follow a path toward higher education or to join the workforce postgraduation, it is essential that they can successfully promote their own skills and experience. Branding Yourself for Success, a new English elective for grades 10-12, will focus on the ELA skills needed for students to reach their highest potential. Course topics will include resume writing, composing business letters and emails, job interviewing, digital portfolios, oral presentation and understanding the proper use of Artificial Intelligence and social media.

### Financial Literacy and Readiness

We are thrilled to introduce a highly requested course that will benefit all Levittown students. Now a graduation requirement, Financial Literacy and Readiness is designed to alert, inform and educate students in concepts of personal finance and money management. The course will help students develop skills and strategies focused on financial planning, savings, investment and charitable giving in the global economy. The structure of this class will closely reflect real-world situations to better prepare all students for an independent adulthood.



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REGISTER NOW FOR  
**Universal  
Prekindergarten**

Registration for Levittown's Universal  
Prekindergarten Program is now open!

Open to residents of the Levittown School District  
born between Dec. 2, 2019, and Dec. 1, 2020.

The program will be five hours a day from  
Monday through Friday at two locations in Levittown:  
Tender Garden (3100 Hempstead Tpke)  
and Kiddie Junction (3 N. Village Green).

Limited seats will be  
filled via virtual lottery  
on March 6. Please scan  
the following QR code to  
complete a lottery interest  
form by Feb. 29:



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