



On Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> NJ elected a new governor. Our newly elected Governor, Phil Murphy, will take the reins on January 16, 2018. It is with much hope and anticipation that our schools may receive additional funding. We will forward any information as it becomes available. Recently, the NJ School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly on November 18<sup>th</sup> adopted a resolution stating that the Association believes it is detrimental to students, school programs, and local taxpayers for the state to reduce projected aid to school districts after the districts have been notified of their aid entitlements by the State Department of Education. They addressed the situations that several boards found themselves in at the start of the 2017-2018, after the budgets had been drawn up. The delegates also addressed the cost of out-of-district special education placements. NJSBA believes special education providers should have a similar cap on their ability to charge local districts for services as local districts have on their ability to raise revenue.

As we begin the new year we would like to thank School Board Member, Mrs. Gena James, for her years of hard work, dedication and service to our district. Her expertise will be missed.

In addition, we welcome Mr. Kenney Lutz as our newest member. Mr. Lutz will be sworn in on January 2, 2018. Welcome aboard Mr. Lutz.

## LOPATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**Please attend and  
feel free to ask  
questions of the  
school board  
members**

### LOPATCONG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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#### MEETING DATES

December 12, 2017

January 2, 2018