

# Report Card Narratives

New Jersey Department of Education

CHERRY HILL TWP (07-0800-068)

## Bret Harte Elementary School

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

On behalf of Bret Harte Elementary School and the Cherry Hill School District, I am happy to share with you the New Jersey School Performance Report. It provides a method for tracking our school's progress toward New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Bret Harte Elementary School's personnel analyze data and implement student centric instructional practices to strengthen student performance, enhance performance outcomes, and target advanced proficiency in all students in all subject areas. Our school, grade level, and classroom goals focus on achievement outcomes for all learners.

Bret Harte Elementary School implements a character education program titled "Harte S.M.A.R.T." where students are recognized for demonstrating character traits aligned with our school vision and community values. The attributes are embedded in all facets of the instructional day and students are recognized for productive citizenry within our school.

Bret Harte Elementary School's community is dedicated to using proactive approaches and reactive measures to ensure that the expectations of anti-bullying are clear and embedded into the many programs and events that occur at the school. The community is committed to focusing on the encouragement and celebration of the strategies inspiring empathy, acceptance, respect, and responsibility.

Bret Harte Elementary School is committed to implementing a multi-faceted, school-wide approach to "being green." Our vision focuses on making our school and community a better place by reducing, reusing, and recycling. To that end, we use our school Green Team and our student environmental club to provide sustainability instruction, increase environmental awareness, and encourage green practices. We have been recognized for our work by Sustainable Jersey and are proud to be one of only five schools in the state to achieve Silver Certification this year.

Bret Harte Elementary School has received grants directly aligned with research-based practices that support teaching and learning. The community is committed to applying for grants that provide exciting programs and instructional technology that inspire inquiry-based opportunities and support the achievement of all students.

I look forward to building on the great foundations that have been established here at Bret Harte Elementary School and finding opportunities that add to the preeminent education our students currently experience. Please contact the school to learn more about the data in this report or about the many initiatives at our school that contribute to the development of the whole student.

Sincerely,

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