

WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP NEWS RELEASE

## Weehawken School District Honored for Technology in the Classroom

Nov. 7, 2018, WEEHAWKEN—Weehawken Township School District (WTSD) educators were honored last month at an awards ceremony in Atlantic City for their commitment to digital learning. WTSD was recognized for the second year in a row by the non-profit educational organization, Future Ready Schools-NJ (FRS-NJ) at the annual conference of the New Jersey State Board Association (NJSBA).

"FRS-NJ paves the way for enhanced technology," WTSD Interim Superintendent Dr. Terrance Brennan said, "and help prepare our fine teachers to create more readily accessible learning opportunities for our students. We believe as well, that future-ready schools help raise grades and test results."

WTSD IT and Digital Information Officer Brian Calligy, who is overseeing the district's three-year technology plan, now in its final year, coordinated the certification process with principals and committees of teachers at Weehawken High School, Theodore Roosevelt Middle School, and Daniel Webster Elementary School. The Weehawken Township School District had been certified as "Future Ready" by FRS-NJ earlier in the month.

*Continued on following page*

**WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP**

## WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP NEWS RELEASE

The non-profit is a partnership of the [New Jersey Department of Education](#) (NJDOE), the NJSBA, and [New Jersey Institute of Technology](#) (NJIT). FRS-NJ recognizes schools which have the technological infrastructure and the staff skilled in using it to enhance learning. NJDOE Commissioner Dr. Lamont O. Repollet and NJIT's Dean Kevin Belfield of the College of Science and Liberal Arts were among the educational leaders who honored the 139 schools from 44 districts certified this year.

“We began ramping up our focus on digital learning in 2016 when we first invested in the ‘1:1 Chromebook’ — a Chromebook for every student in the Weehawken Township School District,” WTSD Board President Richard Barsa said, “so it’s gratifying to receive acknowledgements of excellence in digital infrastructure and digital learning, and to get recognized the second year in a row for our future-ready schools.”

###

*Photos on following two pages*

# WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP

Weehawken Town Hall, 400 Park Avenue, Weehawken, NJ 07086 | 201.422.6125 | [WeehawkenSchools.net](#) | [@WeehawkenTSD](#)



*Board President Richard Barsa accepts the WTSD's second annual award for future-readiness.*

## **WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP**

Weehawken Town Hall, 400 Park Avenue, Weehawken, NJ 07086 | 201.422.6125 | WeehawkenSchools.net | @WeehawkenTSD



**Caption:** *Weehawken Township School District (WTSD) was honored for its commitment to digital learning. From left to right: WTSD Academic Affairs and Innovation Dir. Francesca Amato, School Board Trustees Susan Morales Jennings, Julian Brian Mera, and Jennifer Bolcarr; Roosevelt School Principal Suzanne Mera, Board Trustee Meg Carson, WTSD IT and Digital Information Officer Brian Calligy; Board Trustee John Cannata; and Board President Richard Barsa*

**Contact:**

Gabrielle Jonas  
Communications Director, Weehawken Township  
Landline: 201-319-6511  
Cell 201-3881378  
Email: gjonas@weehawken.k12.nj.us

**WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP**

Weehawken Town Hall, 400 Park Avenue, Weehawken, NJ 07086 | 201.422.6125 | WeehawkenSchools.net | @WeehawkenTSD