

## BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Black Horse Pike Regional School District Community, Students, Staff, and Caregivers:

June 19th marks the anniversary of the announcement of the abolition of enslaved people in the United States when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, in 1865, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Its recognition carries weight, and its commemoration highlights the importance of acknowledging and understanding this part of American history. The State of New Jersey officially recognizes Juneteenth as a state holiday on the third Friday of June, which is June 20, 2025. While our school district calendar reflects the state-recognized holiday on June 20th, we greatly value the magnitude of Juneteenth.

Juneteenth provides an opportunity to educate others about its significance, as well as encourage discussions about the past and its impact on the future. Juneteenth serves as a regular reminder of the ongoing work towards social justice. We are hopeful that our students understand our full history and grow to appreciate the importance of working towards greater equity and justice for all.

If you wish to research more information about the significance of Juneteenth, please visit the following websites:

What is Juneteenth?

The Historical Legacy of Juneteenth

Sincerely,

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