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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we begin to reflect on the 2014-2015 school year, please allow me to take this opportunity to share some of the accolades our district has received:

- Liberty Corner School has been recognized as a National School of Character. Previously, Liberty Corner School had been honored four times as a New Jersey School of Character, and this year their application was forwarded to the national level for further evaluation. A site visitation was conducted in April followed by a press release in Washington, D.C. announcing this momentous achievement designating Liberty Corner School as a National School of Character. The Liberty Corner Character Education program defines the LCS community and permeates all aspects of every school day. For more information please click [here](#).
- Ridge High School has received wonderful rankings in two recent articles for both academic and athletic excellence. Please check out these links for the complete stories:

U.S. News and World Report article, please click [here](#)

2015 Niche Rankings article, please click [here](#)

- Mount Prospect School was recognized this past fall on November 10th and 11th in Washington, D.C. for earning distinction as a National Blue Ribbon School – Exemplary High Performing School. For more information please click [here](#).
- All of our elementary schools and our middle school are ranked among the highest in the state – see the *2015 Niche Rankings* article, for elementary school rankings click [here](#) and for middle school rankings click [here](#). Overall, *Niche* ranked our district 7th in the state.

Locally we know about the amazing things that happen at all of our schools every day. From the smallest individual successes to the greatest class, team, school and district accomplishments - I know that it is a team effort. A team effort of children, parents, teachers, administrators and support staff, so take pride in your schools and our district, the excellence is recognized at the national level. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

In closing I'd like to share a brief informational item. Our district has moved to Gmail for its email platform. The change to Gmail has gone well overall with little to no interruption in email services. All staff email addresses remain the same; however please note that there is now only one email address to use for emailing the Board of Education: boardmembers@bernardsboe.com. Thank you for your attention and congratulations on all the outstanding national and state recognition.

Sincerely,



Nick Markarian