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**Aims to acknowledge administrators, educators, and staff members who, through their actions, dedication, and achievements, have profoundly influenced the lives of our students.**

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**From: Brandin Tyrrik**

**Thank You, Township of Union Board  
of Education, for allowing me to create  
NO REGRETS**

# A Small Glimpse

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## Dedicated to our Student Farmer Frontline

### What's Up With TUPS? Senior Edition

Editor: Angelyn Ansh, Graduated Senior Class of 2024 This Edition by: William Elbert & Kristin Nunes



## Congratulations to our Class of 2024



**A message about the Editor:**  
**For Angelyn Ansh, Graduate Senior Class of 2024**  
 Written by: Rebecca Richardson

Angelyn Ansh is one of the most genuine, dedicated and hardworking students in her class. Most striking is her personality, curious and creative. She applies all her strengths to her school work and the community around her. Angelyn is in her third year of high school, has earned 16 Honors and/or AP credits, and consistently pushes herself to achieve the highest grade possible.

Outside of the classroom, Angelyn is heavily involved in the districts, participating in over 7 years. She has participated in many capacities in many of the districts theater performances including lead roles, stage hand and has also served as the director. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years, the National Seekers Club and a local Mission Club. She continuously active in volunteering her time at community events at school, food drives and fundraisers. She has also participated in programs such as the USC Board School Program and the Camp Johnsonburg Social Justice cohort to expose herself to various aspects of service and academics.

Angelyn has also shadowed and interned with a Pediatric Dentist in the office and career which she plans on pursuing. She is constantly seeking to expand her knowledge and learn new things. She has a lot of leadership skills and a genuine heart for others. In addition to her academic achievements, she has the confidence and maturity of a much older student and always strives to be the best of her ability.



### What's Up With TUPS?

#### Graduation 2024!



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## What's Up With TUPPS?

What our UIHS graduates will be doing after Graduation as of June 18, 2024....

- Albright College
- Belmont University
- Caldwell University
- Cornell University
- Drew University
- Duquesne University
- East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Fairleigh Dickinson University-Flohran Campus
- Fairleigh Dickinson University-Metropolitan Campus
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Felician University
- Full Sail University
- George Mason University
- Hampton University
- Howard University
- Kean University
- Lincoln College of Technology-Iselin (Edison)
- Lincoln Technical Institute-Iselin
- Lincoln Technical Institute-Union
- Loyola University Maryland
- Manhattan College
- Michigan State University
- Middlesex College
- Montclair State University
- Morgan State University
- New Jersey City University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology



New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts  
North Carolina A & T State University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main Campus

- Princeton University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Raritan Valley Community College
- Rowan University
- Rutgers University-New Brunswick
- Rutgers University-Newark
- Sacred Heart University
- Saint Joseph's University
- Saint Peter's University
- Seton Hall University
- State University of New York at New Paltz
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- Stockton University
- Temple University
- The College of New Jersey
- The George Washington University
- UCNJ Union College of Union County NJ
- Union County Vocational Technical School
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of Connecticut
- University of New Haven
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus
- University of Southern California
- University of Toronto
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- Virginia State University
- Wilkes University
- William Paterson University of New Jersey

Still more coming in.....

## What's Up With TUPPS?

2024 Valedictorian, Sneha Mexon



Sneha Mexon, Union High School's 2024 Valedictorian, traces her journey of academic and personal growth through a series of formative experiences during her high school years. Her passion for science was ignited by an AP Biology class during her sophomore year, setting the stage for her subsequent academic pursuits and career aspirations in medicine. Following her inspiring experience in AP Biology, Sneha took on the challenge of AP Chemistry the following year, describing it as both demanding and rewarding. Encouraged by her AP Biology teacher, Ms. Courtney, Sneha decided to expand her horizons by becoming involved in extracurricular activities. This led her to join Key Club, where she discovered the power of community service and developed her leadership skills through roles in various clubs including French Club, French Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Peer Ambassadors. Outside of academics and clubs, Sneha found joy in music, having been part of the school orchestra from elementary through high school. Her involvement in music not only brought her close friendships but also enriched her high school experience. Additionally, Sneha pursued her hobbies of playing the violin and painting, co-founding Together 'N Art with friends from school. Through this initiative, she organized beginner painting classes at the Union Senior Center, positively impacting the community through art and service.

Sneha attributes much of her success to the unwavering support of her mother, who has been a guiding force in both her academic and personal life. Her experiences volunteering at Overlook Hospital further reinforced her passion for science and service, solidifying her decision to pursue a career in medicine. Looking forward, Sneha will be majoring in Biological Sciences at the Rutgers Honors College in New Brunswick, preparing herself for a future in medicine where she hopes to continue making a difference in people's lives.

Throughout her journey, Sneha expresses deep gratitude for her teachers, peers, and the connections she has made, emphasizing their profound impact on her growth and development. Her high school years have not only prepared her academically but have also instilled in her a strong sense of community and a commitment to making a meaningful contribution to society. Congratulations Sneha! We Are Proud of U!



The Union High School Class of 2024 struts on the UTCAO red carpet before heading to their prom night. #WeAreProudU!

Watch the UTCAO Red Carpet by clicking here!



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### 2024 Salutatorian, Abigail Naranjo



Abigail Naranjo's journey toward UCLA and her future goals reflect a deep appreciation for education and a strong sense of purpose. She views education not just as an opportunity but as a privilege, acknowledging the sacrifices her parents made without the same educational opportunities. This perspective motivates her to excel academically and to ultimately give back to her community, particularly through her aspirations to increase Hispanic representation in career fields. Naranjo's favorite subject is Spanish, highlighting her connection to her cultural heritage and the importance of understanding diverse perspectives in her future career as a pediatrician. Despite her focus on STEM, she values the humanities for their role in shaping a well-rounded worldview.

Her commitment extends beyond academics; she dedicates significant time to volunteering and enjoys sports and spending time with loved ones. Her mother serves as her role model, instilling in her a sense of selflessness and driving her to succeed in her educational pursuits.

Looking ahead, Naranjo plans to pursue a degree in Biology with potential minors in Spanish or Latin Studies at UCLA. Her long-term goal is to attend medical school and become a pediatrician, driven by her passion for helping children. She envisions herself practicing medicine, potentially opening her own practice, and remaining steadfast in her dedication to her career and community.

Congratulations Abigail! We Are Proud of U!

### Over \$85,000 in Scholarships Awarded to Union High School Seniors

Over \$85,000 in scholarships were awarded to Union High School seniors on May 20, 2024 at the annual Senior Awards Night. One hundred seventy-two scholarships were presented to 86 students. The listing of awardees and the scholarships they received is listed here:

**Valerie Alejos**  
UHS Marching Band - 2 years  
Departmental Award - Art  
National Art Honor Society  
**Abriey Alonso Masayo**  
Giovanni Carvajal Memorial  
**Onar Amaro**  
National Spanish Honor Society - President  
**Angelina Ansh**  
Concerned Citizens of Vauxhall and Varsity Association  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
American Legion Post 35 Award  
Union Twp. Assoc. School Administrators - Leadership  
Juneteenth Academic Scholarship  
**Isabel Antico**  
UHS Marching Band - 4 years  
National Spanish Honor Society - Castaneda Award  
**Nathanael Antwi**  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
**Megan Ascalon**  
UHS Marching Band - 1 year  
**Oseka Balogun**  
National Spanish Honor Society - Treasurer  
**Isabella Beaumont**  
PTA Scholarship - Hannah Caldwell  
**PTA Scholarship**  
Departmental Award - Proficiency in Math  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
**Vernell Wright Science Award**  
UHS Departmental - English

**Maikh Beeks**  
PTA Scholarship  
**Milan Beeks**  
PTA Scholarship  
**Sean Bernad**  
Connecticut Bank Scholarship  
**Kisswaa Bosialko**  
UHS Departmental - Family & Consumer Science  
**Talison Bracy**  
Adolph W. Jaeger - Carpenter/Cabinet Making  
**Jack Brooks**  
PTA Scholarship - Beale Hill  
PTA Scholarship  
**Stacy**  
L-Train Memorial Foundation  
PTA Scholarship - Jefferson  
PTA Scholarship  
Cerene Charles-Kick-Selden  
PTA Scholarship  
**Daniel Collins**  
U.S. Marines - Athlete  
Louis J. Bethno Memorial Award  
Marci L. Ulewicz Memorial  
UTEA Paul M. Gruchacz Scholarship  
**Blanca Cordova**  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
UHS Class of 2000 Alumni Scholarship  
**Kayden Correlia Grave**  
Jason Lopez Soccer Scholarship  
**Sergio Cruz**  
PTA Scholarship  
**Andrew David**  
Fifth Quarter Club - TV Productions  
**Ethan De Los Angeles**  
Dora D. Felms Award  
**Roberto Diaz Oviedo**  
Rafael Thomas Memorial  
**Jeremiah Ellis**  
Connecticut Bank Scholarship  
**Omyelinda Ewulumbua**  
Khalid Shaheed Memorial  
**Eric Favaro**  
BHS/TA Philal of Character  
German Honor Society  
Seward Academy of America  
**Anna Figgelstein**  
Michael J. Deane Scholarship  
UHS National Honor Society  
UHS Departmental - Special Needs  
National Spanish Honor Society - Vice President  
Senator Joe Ryan Scholarship - Anthony Milano  
**Martina Franca**  
National Spanish Honor Society  
**Johana Forest**  
Robert Altem Memorial  
**Ann Nabelel Francisco**  
Myrtle V. Hasey - Medicine  
UHS Class of 2004 Alumni Reunion Scholarship  
**Samantha Frederic**  
UHS Senior Class President  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
Erika Ulrich Memorial

**Halle Garcia**  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
Elija Mac Life Award  
Wayne Russo Scholarship  
**Melanie Garro**  
UHS Departmental - ESL  
**Klyra Gordon**  
UHS Departmental - Business Education  
Empowerment Mentoring Club  
**Anthony Issue Gennados Iliasi**  
Empowerment Mentoring Club  
Deputy Chief Les Hendrick Memorial  
Elton Reaver Memorial  
National Art Honor Society  
**Gabriella Guido**  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
Union Title League  
**Matthew Heaton**  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
Vocational Training  
**Jasline Hernandez**  
Concerned Citizens of Vauxhall and Varsity Association  
National Spanish Honor Society - Gary Ingden Award  
Rotary Club of Union - Integrity & High Ethical Standards  
National Art Honor Society  
**Kira Home**  
National Art Honor Society  
**Stephanie Ike-Oyewona**  
Rotary Club of Union - Vocational Training  
UHS Class of 2000 Alumni Scholarship  
**David Jean**  
Fifth Quarter Club - TV Productions  
**Techonasaal Jean Pierre**  
Connecticut Farms Church Heritage Showship  
**Thalia Jean-Pierre**  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
**Amya Jenkins**  
KO Book Scholarship - Higher Education  
Spencer Savings Bank Scholarship  
**Danae Johnson**  
UTEA Jean Cobson  
Douglas Krueger Memorial  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
ADK - Carol Remonelli Award  
Union Twp. Assoc. School Administrators - Education  
Union Township PTA Combined Teaching  
Juneteenth Academic Scholarship  
Brihana Perera Memorial  
**Alyssa Jones**  
National Art Honor Society  
**Isabel Jones**  
Crystal Sweden Memorial  
UTEA General Interest - 2 year  
**Angelina Kearney**  
UHS Student Council President  
**Kailya Koonhow**  
UHS Student Council President  
UHS General Interest - 4 year  
UHS Class of 2000 Alumni Scholarship  
UHS Class of 2004 Alumni Scholarship

**Caleb Kwashi**  
Empowerment Mentoring Club  
**Anthony Lopez**  
UHS Marching Band - 5 years  
**Victoria Magarino**  
UHS Performing Arts Co  
UHS Marching Band - 4 years  
Myrtle V. Hasey - Nursing  
**Vix Martins**  
UHS Departmental - Vocational Training  
**Matthew Mendez**  
Union Title League  
**Zachary Merton**  
Fifth Quarter Club -  
Nicholas Dispender Memorial  
**Sasha Mexico**  
Valledorlan  
Vogel Prize in French Excellence  
UHS Departmental - Science  
**Destinee Mikonza-Mwasi**  
UHS Counseling - Maureen Baldwin Scholarship  
National Art Honor Society  
**Marylin Monroya**  
PTA Scholarship - Franklin  
**Martyn Dany Nalty**  
PTA Scholarship  
UTEA General Interest 2 year  
**Aygal Naranjo**  
Saludarian  
Putnam Manor Chik Assoc. Award  
National Spanish Honor Society -  
Gay Hayden Award  
U.S. Marines - Academic  
**Riesasa Nicolas**  
KO Book Scholarship - Oases  
**Connor Palanis**  
Louis J. Retton Memorial Award  
Putnam Manor Chik Assoc. Award  
Jeff Bubnowski Award  
Jason Lopez Memorial  
Marci Ulewicz Memorial  
PTA Scholarship - Barret  
PTA Scholarship  
PBA Local 29 Scholarship  
**Deep Patel**  
Union Chamber of Commerce Scholarship  
**Jalen Perez**  
PTA Scholarship - WES  
PTA Scholarship  
H.O.P.E. Scholarship  
**Keylor Phisany**  
Key Club Award  
UHS Marching Band - 4 years  
UHS Student Council Excellence  
**Keyenne Pierre**  
Elija Reaver Memorial



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## What's Up With TUPS?

### Rotary Club of Union Awards Scholarships to UHS Senior Winners of the Marvin Orella Speech Contest

The Union High School seniors Samantha Frederic, Jasline Hernandez, and Belicia Pinkrah delivered powerful speeches during the finals of the Marvin Orella Speech Contest held at the Rotary's Annual Soirée at Galloping Hill Caterers. Their speeches, each lasting 4 to 5 minutes, were centered around the theme "Create hope in the world". The event was not just a showcase of their spoken word skills but also a competition for scholarships awarded by the Rotary Club. The judging panel, comprising teachers and Rotarians, evaluated the speeches based on criteria refined over the years, with memorization contributing to higher scores.

Prior to the finals, these students had already competed against 14 peers at their high school on May 22, where they delivered their speeches in alphabetical order without knowing their ranking until the final results were revealed at the Rotary event. This contest not only highlighted their talent in public speaking but also underscored their commitment to addressing meaningful themes in their community.



### UHS Students Among Union County 2024 Scholar-Athletes Celebrated by UCIAC



Alissa Akendor took photographs with family, friends, coaches, and their school's athletic director.

Alissa Akendor and Kayden Correa Grave from Union High School were recognized as outstanding scholar-athletes at the annual event hosted by the Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (UCIAC). This event, which was the 47th annual occurrence, took place in front of Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark.

The criteria for selection were based on academic and athletic excellence, making Alissa and Kayden stand out as exemplary students who excelled both in the classroom and in their respective sports. Each of them received a plaque, a gift, a scholarship check of \$1,000, and a lawn sign to commemorate their achievements.

It's worth noting that their families were also acknowledged for their support, receiving gift baskets as a token of appreciation for their role in the students' successes. This recognition not only celebrates individual achievement but also highlights the support network that contributes to the accomplishments of these scholar-athletes.



## What's Up With TUPS?

### Scholarships Awarded Continued:

- Belicia Pinkrah
- Nicholas Disperiere Music Award
- Union Township Historical Society Award
- UHS Departmental - History
- UTSA General Interest 4 Year
- Amalia Ann Kabanal
- National Art Honor Society
- Lucius Mengillo
- PTA Scholarship - Kawameeth
- Tyler Richards
- Dora D. Feins Memory Award
- Imani Richardson
- UHS Class of 2000 Alumni Scholarship
- Xavier Simpson

- PTA Scholarship
- Thomas Ehrhart Scholarship - Anthony Russo
- Gwendra Singh
- Union Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
- Brianna Singleton
- French Club Award
- Anthony Sousa
- Dora D. Feins Award
- Calope Stuetlein
- PTA Scholarship
- Santiago Tabares
- Adolph W. Jaeger - Industrial Arts and Woodworking
- Michele Tenkera
- PTA Scholarship
- PTA Scholarship - Connetal Farms
- Paul Matthew Mulligan Scholarship - Anthony Russo
- Kristal Stahel Memorial
- Samantha Turner
- U.S. Marines - Athlete
- Connor Van Tine
- UHS Marching Band - 44 years
- Thais Micaela Velasquez Brito
- Ellen Reer Memorial
- Carlos Andres Vera Hidalgo
- PTA Scholarship - Livingston
- Sitney Vincent
- National French Honor Society
- Asher Wallace
- Michael A. Kelly Auxiliary Award
- Ayanna Wilson
- National Spanish Honor Society - Secretary
- National Art Honor Society

### UHS Prom Memories 2024



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## What's Up With TUPS?

### Special Olympics State Competition 2024



The competition was stiff, but Union Farmers rose to the occasion by earning 20 gold, 14 silver and four bronze medals at the Special Olympics State Summer Games competition this weekend.

All 21 of the athletes who participated in the regional competition made it to the State games. Students from Union High School and Burnet Middle School participated in various track and field events. The competition, held at The College of New Jersey on June 7, 8, and 9, saw 3,000 of New Jersey's best student athletes converge for the opening ceremony on Friday.

### Union Community Celebrating the Annual Torch Run and Special Olympics in New Jersey 2024

[Watch the Torch Run by clicking here!](#)



## What's Up With TUPS?

### June Athletes of the Month:



June Athlete of the Month: Christy Aliou - Special Olympics Christy metaled in the 50 m walk at this year's Special Olympics held at the College of New Jersey.

June Athlete of the Month: John Munoz - Special Olympics John metaled in the Tennis ball throw and the 50 m walk

this year at the Special Olympics held at the College of New Jersey.



June Athlete of the Month Sudan Jenkins - Special Olympics Sudan metaled in the 25 m dash and the shotput at this year's Special Olympics held at the College in New Jersey

June Athlete of the Month Wilbert Jones - Special Olympics Wilbert metaled in the javelin and shotput at this year's special Olympics.



### Washington School Career Day!



Washington School had their annual Career Day on Monday, June 3 from 9:30am to 2:30pm. During Career Day students had the opportunity to walk around our gym and visit different tables in order to learn about a variety of occupations. In addition to exposing students to an array of job and career options, this event also supported student learning in the area of career development:

- Learn about the variety of traditional and nontraditional occupations
  - Understand the relationship between educational achievement and career success
  - Explain how work can help to achieve personal success and satisfaction
  - Develop a positive attitude toward work and learning
  - Understand that work is an important and satisfying means of personal expression
- Some careers students learned about were: a nutritionist, an architect, a chef, chiropractor, professional football player, a yoga instructor, a structural engineer, a fashion designer, a secret service member, human resources at google, cosmetology, information technology, fire department, and the police department.

### UHS Key Club

The UHS Key Club participated in the walk with Mental Health Association of NJ and setting up Juneteenth Festival by Ms. Milkaela Bland. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to be a part of creating an event for the community!



### Congratulations on 42 years of Service Mr. Erdman!

UEA members Jill Fishman, Tom O'Reilly, Becky Mazur & Christina Birsler congratulate Don Erdman for 42 years of service to the Township of Union Public Schools by presenting him with a joint resolution from the New Jersey Senate and Assembly.



### A message from Superintendent, Dr. Benacquista!



Congratulations to our 2024 Union High School Graduating Class.

Dear 2024 Graduates,

Today is certainly an exciting day for the students, your parents, family, friends, and the entire Township of Union School Community!

Take a moment to close your eyes, breathe, reflect. How amazing do you feel right now, all of you together, sharing this moment with your fellow graduates, family, friends, and loved ones. I am sure all of you know what the Nike slogan says, "Just Do It," I am saying YOU DID IT!

As you move forward, **BELIEVE IN YOURSELF** and hold these three principles close to your heart:

- 1) Embrace the power of resilience
- 2) Never stop learning.
- 3) Lead with kindness and empathy

Congratulations, Class of 2024! You have a bright and promising future ahead of you. Go forth with confidence, kindness, and an open heart. The world is waiting for you, and I have no doubt that you will achieve great things.



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Township of Union Education Foundation  
2024-2025 School Year  
Announce the Awarding of Grants

**Alissa Popo and Suzanne Licks, teachers at Livingston School**

**Jessica Borman and Nikki Dowling, eighth - grade teachers at Kawameeh Middle School**

**Jha-Lon Motley, a Pre-K teacher at Hannah Caldwell**

**Lisa Raimo, 6-8 grade resource room English teacher at Kawameeh Middle School**

**Mary Ellen Patricco, a fourth-grade teacher at Connecticut Farms Elementary School**

**Nikki Kelly, Danielle Stabler, Jessica Borman, Nicole Osborne, Deana Buchanan, Peter Leone, Lisa Raimo, Kathryn Stern, Adriana Palmucci, Shaunte Veloz, and Lisa Krauze, all eighth - grade teachers at Kawameeh Middle School**

**Maria Sibilia, a fourth-grade teacher at Livingston Elementary School**

**Cara Moore, a fourth-grade teacher at Livingston School**

[\*\*Learn More About the Grants!\*\*](#)

Four staff members at Hannah Caldwell School for the school year **2023-2024**. Alexia Morriello, Trisha Davis, Nicole Filippone, and Ashley Maynard received \$3000.00 in equipment to create a sensory room for children in self-contained Pre-K and Self-contained autistic K-4. The project supported children with exceptional needs, including but not limited to Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Disorder, Emotional Regulation Impairment, Oppositional Defiance Disorder, and students with anxiety. The space was made available throughout the school day for students to help with self-regulation skills, allowing them to refocus and promote positive classroom behaviors.



# A Small Glimpse NJ Department of Education Seal of Biliteracy

The New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) in **recognition of students who have studied and attained proficiency in at least one language in addition to English by high school graduation.** The NJDOE, pursuant to [P.L. 2015, c. 303](#) enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, established the State Seal of Biliteracy program in 2016 to help students recognize the value and the tangible benefits of bilingualism. Since its inception, a total 39,008 Seals of Biliteracy have been awarded. This designation on a student's high school diploma also provides employers and universities with a method of identifying bilingual candidates and those who have prioritized the study of other languages and cultures. Moreover, the State Seal of Biliteracy emphasizes the importance of both bilingualism, which facilitates improved communication and boosts the local economy, and cultural understanding, which promotes social acceptance.

## NJ Seal of Biliteracy

Omar Amaro	Julia Lima
Oseka Balogun	Jasmine Martinez
Mariana Buitrago Valencia	Abigail Naranjo
Helen Burbano	Samuel Ortiz
Hailie Garcia	Jeremy Rosero
Katherine Ruth Herrera Limpias	Carlos Andres Vera Hidalgo
	Sthecy Vincent

# **A Small Glimpse**

## **Juneteenth**

**Observed**

**Friday, June 21, 2024**

**In New Jersey, Juneteenth is observed as a state and public holiday on the third Friday in June.**

**Federal Holiday:** Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States

**Districtwide Activities**

Students will listen to stories for Juneteenth- [Jaylen's Juneteenth Surprise](#) and watch a short Sesame Street Video clip about Juneteenth.

Read aloud

Educational Videos

Morning announcements, classroom lessons, videos, presentations, and discussions.

Black Roots Excellence/Step Team discussions/collaborations for Juneteenth  
Juneteenth: nonfiction reading passage with comprehension questions

# Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)

May 22, 2024 - June 11, 2024

Affirmed

	Founded	Unfounded	Inconclusive
<b>Affirm HIB Report for May 22, 2024 – June 11, 2024</b>	8	5	6

# Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)

May 22, 2024 - June 11, 2024

Affirmed

	Founded	Unfounded	Inconclusive
Battle Hill Elementary		1	
Burnet Middle	3	1	
Connecticut Farms Elementary			
Franklin Elementary		2	1
Hannah Caldwell Elementary			

	Founded	Unfounded	Inconclusive
Jefferson Elementary			
Kawameeh Middle			
Livingston Elementary			
Washington Elementary	2	1	1
Union High	3		4

# Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) June 11, 2024 - June 25, 2024 Reported

	<b>Founded</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Inconclusive</b>
<b>Report of HIB for June 11, 2024 – June 25, 2024</b>	5	1	1



# Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) June 11, 2024 - June 25, 2024 Reported

	Founded	Unfounded	Inconclusive
Battle Hill Elementary			
Burnet Middle	1		
Connecticut Farms Elementary	1		
Franklin Elementary		1	
Hannah Caldwell Elementary			

	Founded	Unfounded	Inconclusive
Jefferson Elementary			
Kawameeh Middle	2		
Livingston Elementary			
Washington Elementary			
Union High	1		1

# Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)

## HIB District & School Grade Reports

### 2022-2023

#### School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

##### **NJDOE HIB Grades Issued**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) assigned grades to every school district and individual schools as required by the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR). This information was released to the public in May of each year.

Under the Commissioner of Education's program, the school grade is a raw score of data and the sum of ratings for all indicators within each core element on the School Self-Assessment. **The maximum total score for a school is 78 points.** The school district's 2022-2023 HIB grade, **71 points**, is an average of the total scores for all schools in the school district.

The NJDOE-issued grade is not represented as a letter grade.

As required by the ABR, the school district and each individual school are required to post the exact grades issued by the NJDOE on the district and school websites.

Please click the document link below to access a PDF of the NJDOE Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying reports issued to our school district.

[2022-2023 HIB District & School Grade Report](#)

# Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)

## HIB District & School Grade Reports

2022-2023

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Jefferson Elementary School -- 69

Kawamech Middle School -- 76

Livingston Elementary School -- 72

Union High School -- 72

Washington Elementary School -- 71

\*The Maximum Grade a School May Receive is 78

**TUPPS Student Liaisons  
Neissa Filias**

**&**

**Gia Patel**

**Thank You for your dedication to  
the Township of Union Public  
Schools and your monthly reporting  
to the Board of Education and the  
TUPPS Community.**

**Thank You**

**TRUPS Community on an Incredible**

**2023-2024**

**School Year!**