



TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

JUNE 17, 2025



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# IN THE U - STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



**MRS. BRUNS-MEYERS' PREK CLASS AT LIVINGSTON SCHOOL**



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## ORLANDOFEST

**OUR STUDENTS REPRESENTED UHS WITH INCREDIBLE TALENT,  
PROFESSIONALISM, AND SCHOOL PRIDE**

**UHS CONCERT BAND – 2ND PLACE, EXCELLENT RATING**

**UHS STRING ORCHESTRA – 2ND PLACE, EXCELLENT RATING**

**UHS DANCE TEAM – 1ST PLACE, SUPERIOR RATING**

**UHS CONCERT CHOIR – 2ND PLACE, SUPERIOR RATING**

**UHS SWING CHOIR – 1ST PLACE, SUPERIOR RATING**

**OUTSTANDING SOLOIST - GRACE LESCANO (UHS SENIOR, CONCERT CHOIR)**

**MS. MELISSA HANNON  
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## THE MARVIN ORELLA SPEECH CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF UNION, NJ

# WINNER ESTHER AMADI

Congratulations also to  
Nkechi Okafor, Isabella  
Ramos and Ryu Javate for  
their outstanding job! Also,  
a big congratulations to  
UHS English teacher,  
Sandra Mangarella, for  
being the Excellence in  
Education Honoree!!





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## NJDOE SEAL OF BILITERACY

ALAYNA AGNIS -SPANISH

WILLIAMS AGUAYSA -SPANISH

AWENSKYNA ALEXANDRE -FRENCH

JASON ARTEAGA -SPANISH

ARIAN BETANCES -SPANISH

ANGEL ECHEVARRIA -SPANISH

SHAINA GERMAIN -FRENCH

YOSELIN JOANN GOMEZ -SPANISH

JOHN PETER GUILLAUME -FRENCH

RYU JAVATE -SPANISH

DAMIAN KOZIOL -POLISH

SHAYLA MATHURIN -SPANISH

JULIEN MOULIN BONILLA -SPANISH

LEO PANES - FILIPINO

RASMINE PIERRE - HATIAN CREOLE

ISABELLA RODRIGUEZ -SPANISH

DORYAN SAINT GERMAIN FRENCH

STEVEN SANABRIA-MELGAR -SPANISH

ADRIANA SCHIAVONE -SPANISH

SARAH TAHIR RIVERA -SPANISH

LUISA TOBON -SPANISH

AMANDA VERDUGO -SPANISH

KAYLANNY ZURITA -SPANISH

MS. LOURDES GARCIA

SUPERVISOR, ESL BILINGUAL/WORLD LANGUAGE (K-12)

MS. RANDI HUTCHINSON

DIRECTOR CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT FOR HUMANITIES



# CONNECTICUT FARMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PTA PRESIDENT

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June  
2025

# Connecticut Farms ES Presentation





# Contents

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2. Programs
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# Go Get Grants!

## 1 & 2

## Grants for the 2024-25 School Year

### Education Foundation Grants

Mrs. Patricco - Scholastic News

Mrs. Korzen - SuperSTEM

Mrs. Carhart - SuperSTEM

### Reflex/Frax - Math Fluency

Mrs. Patricco

Mrs. Korzen

Mrs. Higgins

### Kids Who Plant Garden Grant

Mrs. Korzen



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# The PRODUCT

Scholastic News and SuperSTEM



# More Programs

Girls On the Run - hosted by our school counselor, librarian and two additional teachers

Art Club - hosted by our art teacher and Kean University student teacher

The Book Club - hosted by our librarian during lunch for student volunteers



# REFLEX

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## Reflex Fluency Report

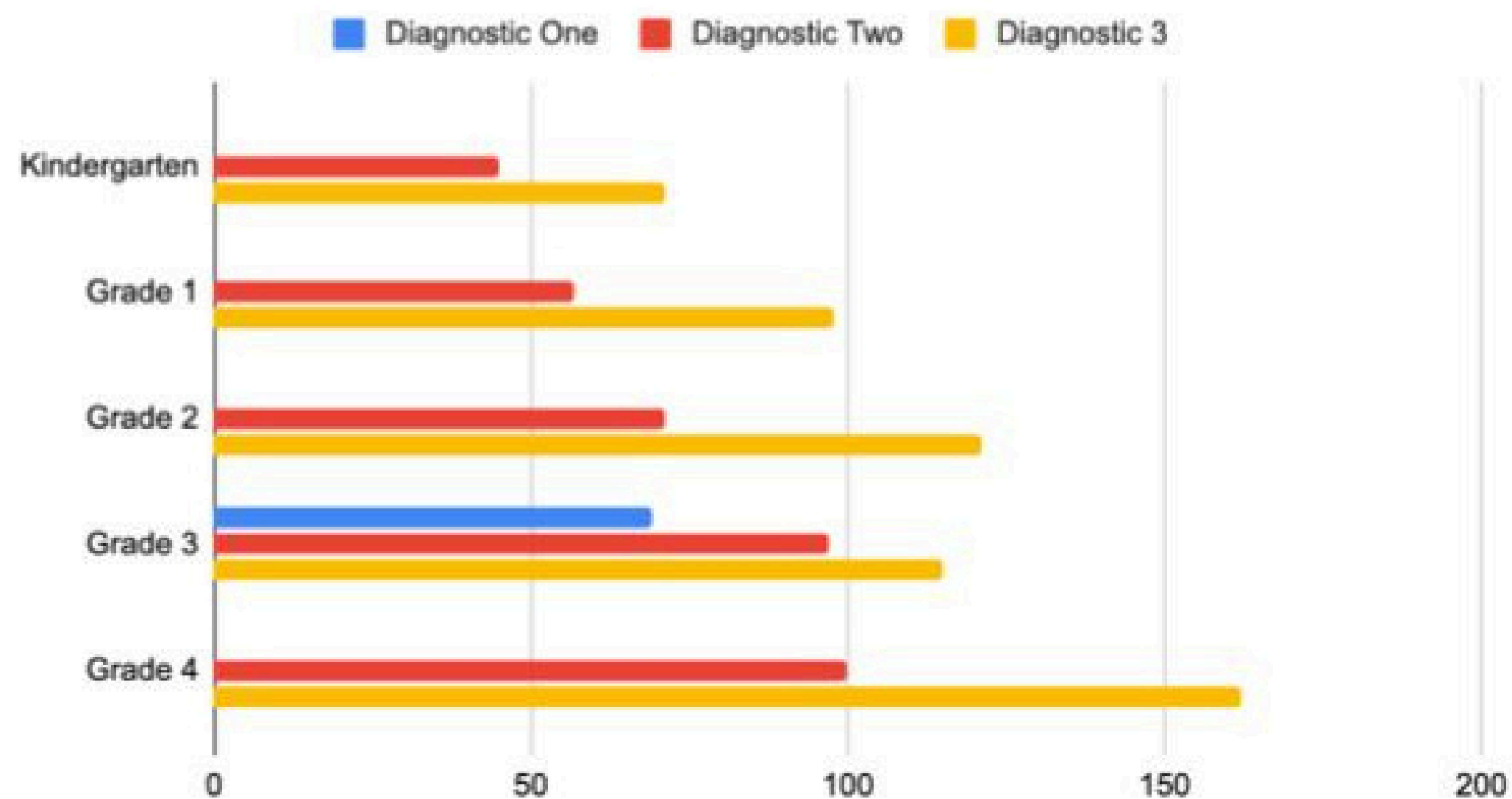


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# iReady

## iReady Growth Report Chart

iReady Annual Typical Growth



# PTA

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- Just to name a few...
- MEET the Principal
- Tricky Tray
- Winterfest (a first and a star)
- Seasonal/Themed Dances
- Read-A-Thon (most successful)  
raised \$16,000!
- Scholarships:  
UHS Senior that attended CFES  
Fourth Grade Essay Winners



# PBSIS & Community

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## **Three Pillars:**

Self-Control, Respect, and Kindness

## **Kindness in the Community**

- Food Drive for Conn Farms Church
- Food Drive for Township Food Bank
- CFES Teachers Voluntary Donation to CF Church Food Bank
- Penny Wars for Pets
- Secret Teacher (in house kindness)

# PHoToS



## **CFES Safety Patrol**

Student Safety Patrol to aid with the smaller students in the building.



## **CFES PTA Book Fair**



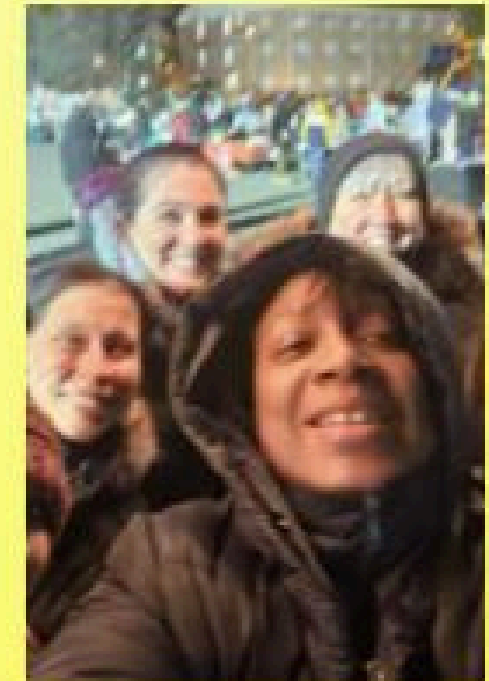
## **Read A thon**

One of the incentives was to pie a teacher.



## **Girls on the Run**

The Day of the Run!



## **CFES Winterfest**

Part of the CFES staff at the Winterfest hosted by the PTA



# **FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **PRINCIPAL**

**DR. KIRA BASKERVILLE-WILLIAMS**

## **VICE PRINCIPAL**

**MS. DECEMBER MOORE**

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

**MS. SHANAVIA DAVIS**



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**PATRICIA GRIFFIN  
BATTLE HILL**

**DAVID CASTANEDA  
BURNET**

**MARIXA PEREZ  
CONNECTICUT FARMS**

**RONNIE CLARK  
FRANKLIN**

**GRACIETTE SOBROSA  
HANNAH CALDWELL**

**ANTHONY  
BENTIVENGA  
JEFFERSON**

***OUR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ARE  
THE HEART OF OUR SCHOOLS, WORKING BEHIND THE  
SCENES TO ENSURE EVERYTHING RUNS SMOOTHLY.  
THEIR DEDICATION, CARE, AND COMMITMENT TO  
STUDENTS' SUCCESS AND WELL-BEING MAKE A  
LASTING IMPACT EVERY SINGLE DAY.***

**SUSANA GRACA  
KAWAMEEH**

**DEJA NEAL  
LIVINGSTON**

**ANNIE BRANCO  
UNION HIGH**

**ELISABETTE OLIVEIRA  
WASHINGTON**

**CONSTANZA ORDONEZ  
DISTRICT WIDE**





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## T U P S HALL OF FAME

*Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future*

The deadline date is July 1, 2025



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U Our Monthly Newsletter Focusing on the School Community

### JROTC HISTORY IS MADE

The Union High School Army ROTC Drill Team has captured its second consecutive national championship at the 2025 All Services National High School Drill Team Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida. Competing against over one hundred elite teams from the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, our cadets took home the Division 2 Armed Championship and placed second in the Unarmed Championship-defeating top programs including the USMC National Champions from Reading, PA and the US Army National Champions from Mansfield, TX. This marks the first time in school history Union JROTC has won back-to-back national titles, building on their 2024 Division 3 win-and adding to an already legendary legacy of three national championships (2014, 2024, 2025) and 24 straight state titles. Accredited as an Honor Unit with Distinction, Union's JROTC ranks in the top 10% of over 1500 programs nationwide.

"Our kids continue to raise the bar, said 1SG (Ret.) Gerald Schemel, Drill Coach. "Winning it all again after moving up to Division 2 shows just how determined they were." From proud seniors like C/LTC Genesis Munoz, who reflected on four years of excellence, to freshmen like C/CPL Amirah Ali, who founded confidence and community in JROTC-this championship is more than a title. It's a testament to discipline, teamwork, and resilience.

Top 5 Finishes: Armed Inspection 1<sup>st</sup> Place (C/LTC Genesis Munoz), Unarmed Inspection 1<sup>st</sup> Place (C/1SG Stacey Charles), Armed Exhibition 1<sup>st</sup> Place (C/CPT Jefferson Isme), Armed Regulation 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (C/SFC Kervens Pierre), Armed Color Guard 5<sup>th</sup> Place (C/SSG Andrew Lopes), and Unarmed Color Guard 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (C/CPT Kimberly Cano).



STAY IN TOUCH

- TUPS Website
- TUPS Instagram
- District Athletic Schedule
- TUPS High Impact Tutoring Site

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## TUPS Pre-K Monthly Newsletter

June 2025

This Month's  
TOP STORY

### Preventing the "Summer Slide"

Tips on how to engage your child in  
fun, meaningful learning activities  
throughout the summer!



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VOLUME 10 IT'S ALL ABOUT U! SUMMER

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### Dear TUPS School Community,

As summer draws near, we're all looking forward to a well-earned break- a chance to relax, recharge, and spend time with family and friends. Summer offers the perfect opportunity to unwind, try new hobbies, and enjoy exciting adventures. While we hope everyone takes full advantage of the downtime, it's also a great time to keep academic skills sharp and learning on track. We encourage families to find a healthy balance between rest and academic engagement. Here are a few ways TUPS students can stay connected to learning over the summer:

#### Explore our Summer Learning Activities

Students entering Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can take part in optional activities created by our teachers. These are *not* required, but they are strongly encouraged to help students retain important skills and feel confident heading into the new school year. You can find the materials on our district website.

#### Join the Union Public Library Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme is "Color Our World". We invite students to participate and dive into great books all summer long! Learn more about the program and check out our school librarian recommendations.

[SUMMER READING AT UNION LIBRARY LINK](#)

#### Be part of the TUPS Summer Share!

Share your summer learning adventures on social media. Post photos using **#WeareproudoU** and tag us to show us what you're up to-whether it's reading, exploring, creating, or anything in between.

These fun and flexible opportunities will help keep young minds active and ready for the year ahead. Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey, even in the summer months.

Wishing you all a joyful, relaxing, and enriching summer!

**The Teaching and Learning Department**

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# STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

## REPORT ON NJDOE - SCHOOL SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR DETERMINING DISTRICT GRADES (2023-2024) AND SCHOOL GRADE REPORT

EACH SCHOOL HAS A SCHOOL SAFETY/CLIMATE TEAM AS DESIGNATED BY THE ANTI-BULLYING CODE.

THE SS/SCT IS LED BY THE ANTI-BULLYING SPECIALIST WITH VARIOUS TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR TO REVIEW BUILDING BASED HIB DATA, PROGRAMS AND TRAININGS.

DURING THE FINAL MEETING, THE TEAM WORKS AS A GROUP TO CONDUCT A SELF-ASSESSMENT OF THEIR HIB PROGRAMMING USING THE NJDOE GUIDANCE AND ATTRIBUTE SCORES BASED ON THEIR ARTIFACTS AND WHAT PROGRAMS/TRAININGS WERE IMPLEMENTED AT THE BUILDING LEVEL.

THIS SELF-ASSESSMENT IS THEN SUBMITTED TO THE STATE PER BUILDING. ONCE REVIEWED THE STATES ISSUE SCORES WHICH WE THEN ARE REQUIRED TO BE POSTED AND REPORTED PUBLICLY. ATTACHED ARE THE RESOURCE DOCUMENTS FROM THE NJDOE.

SCHOOL	SCHOOL
BATTLE HILL	48* (73)
BURNET	68
CONNECTICUT FARMS	64
FRANKLIN	76
HANNAH CALDWELL	73
JEFFERSON	69
KAWAMEEH	76
LIVINGSTON	69
UNION HIGH	70
WASHINGTON	71

# HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING (HIB)

## HIB INCIDENTS AFFIRMED CASES

AFFRIM HIB FOR THE PERIOD  
MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> TO JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

FOUNDED 1		NOT FOUNDED/ INCONCLUSIVE 4
UHS 1		UHS 3
		FES 1



# HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING (HIB)

## HIB INCIDENTS TO REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD  
JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> TO JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>

<b>FOUNDED</b> <b>9</b>		<b>NOT FOUNDED/ INCONCLUSIVE</b> <b>5/1</b>
<b>UHS 4</b>		<b>UHS 2</b>
<b>BMS 2 - KMS 2</b>		<b>KMS 2</b>
<b>FES 1</b>		<b>BHES 1 - CFES 1</b>



# HCES UPDATE



**We are actively collaborating with the construction companies to complete two zones and arrange a tour of these completed areas. This will allow the parents to see the type of work done throughout HCES, showcase all the upgrades, and demonstrate the high level of workmanship achieved.**





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