

Positive Behavioral Supports in Schools

Ocean Township School District

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District Demographics

- Waretown, New Jersey is located in Southern Ocean County
- Population: approx. 11,000
- Ocean Township School District is comprised of two schools:
 - Frederic A. Priff (grades 4-6) has an enrollment of 210.
 - Waretown Elementary School (grades pre-K to 3) has an enrollment of 331
 - Approximately 26% of the student body has been identified as economically disadvantaged. (This number does not include the preschool population.)

How Need is Determined

- A “Sharing Information With Other Programs” form is attached to the free and reduced lunch forms. The information indicates whether a family or a student is in need of school supplies, food items, clothing, assistance at the holidays.
- An email is sent to all teachers asking them to identify students in need of assistance.
- Parent referrals
- Outside referrals

How Contact Is Made With Families In Need.

- Individual families are called by the school counselor to determine exact need.
- If the family does not have a phone or cannot be reached, a letter is sent.

Types of Need

- Backpacks and school supplies
- Clothing, outerwear, shoes, boots,
- Diapers'
- Glasses
- Beds
- Food

Needs (cont'd)

- Holiday baskets
- Toys for the holidays
- Car Seats
- Occasional help with utilities
- Personal grooming supplies like soap, shampoo, lotions and lice removal kits.

Who Helps And How To Access Help

- Our community outreach has been in place for 12 years.
- The first direct contacts we made was with the local police department, The Rotary Club, and area Churches.
- In the past 5 years a new retirement community was established in Waretown. Our district superintendent reached out to their residents to offer opportunities to volunteer in our schools.

Who Helps (cont'd)

- There was an immediate overwhelming response along with a desire to help in many ways.
- Other organizations who have also been especially helpful to us are: the Municipal Alliance, Shop Rite, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the fire department, churches, The PTA, other local groups and individuals.

What Kinds Of Assistance is Offered?

- **The Municipal Alliance** offers year-round funding for 7 afterschool clubs. This includes supplies, salaries for advisers, refreshments, trips, parties
- The **Oceanaire/Greenbriar retirement community's Men's Club** provides year-round support which includes the purchase and delivery of fully cooked turkey dinners for over 50 families at Thanksgiving, complete Ham dinners at Christmas, gift cards, toys, and other financial support.
- The **Oceanaire/Greenbriar retirement community's Women's Club** provides clothing, shoes, outerwear, on an ongoing basis. Each year they personally a book to each preschool students.

Assistance (Cont'd)

- The Oceanaire/Greenbriar retirement community's "**Do Nothing Club**" provides gift cards at the holidays
- The Oceanaire/Greenbriar retirement community's **knitting club** hand crafts hats and scarves during the cold weather months
- The **Boy and Girl Scouts** of Waretown collect toys and food at Christmas.
- The **PBA of the Ocean Township** Police Department donates gift cards

Assistance (Cont'd)

- The **Rotary Club** purchases toys
- Area **churches** supply fully supplies backpacks with back to school items.
- **Shop Rite** donates food
- The **PTA** helps with many requests.
- The **Fire Department** has provided Smoke Protectors
- **Private benefactors:**
 - one **individual** gave \$1000 in gift cards anonymously
 - a **donor** gives \$200 in cash each year to a single mother with sons.

For More Information

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