



## Hopatcong Borough Schools

### Press Release

# COHESION: Families Bonding Together to Solve Real World Problems

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Dr. Joanne Mullane, Hopatcong Acting Superintendent of Schools, Announces

Sussex County educators, Jennifer Neu, Danielle Kovach, and Alison Ibaceta will host COHESION NIGHT at the Tulsa Trail Elementary School in Hopatcong as part of a \$5,500 NJEA HIPP Foundation Grant. Throughout the 2017-2018 school year, students and families will work together to solve a problem presented in the project-based learning activity. Families will register for one of the five activities offered at each time. At the end of the evening, families will take home extension activities to work on at home.

COHESION Night activities include: Earthquake Challenge (design and build a structure that withstands earthquakes); Rocket Challenge (design and build a rocket to make vacation travel faster); Design a Playground (design a new playground for the school); Hockey Hot Shots (improve the street hockey program in town); Electric Lessons (design and build a learning game with electricity); and Cafeteria Cookies (create better tasting cookies for the cafeteria).

Implementation of this program will be a collective effort of the Tulsa Trail Elementary School teachers and administrators, Hopatcong Education Association, and the community. COHESION will bring together families through the integration of S.T.E.A.M initiatives. This program is free for students who attend Tulsa Trail School and will take place at night four times throughout the school year.

Established in 1993, the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education is dedicated to supporting projects that will enhance and improve the learning environment in New Jersey's public schools. This year, 17 grants were awarded to public school educators totaling over \$97,000. Since its creation, the Foundation has awarded over \$2 million in support of over 378 innovative educational projects that represent a bold, fresh approach by public school employees.

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