Special Work Session: Presentation of

District State Assessment

October 9, 2012

The Board of Education of the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, held a Special Work Session: Presentation of District State Assessment Meeting in the Conference Room #19 at the Edison School, 37-01 Fair Lawn Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on **October 9, 2012.**

The meeting was called to order by President Rosenberg at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Barbarulo, Mr. Gillenson, Mr. Mancinelli, Mr. Rosenberg, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Yuskaitis

Members Absent:

Mr. Banta

Mrs. Frenkel

Ms. Gioia

Others Present:

Mr. Bruce Watson, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Natalie Lacatena, Assistant Superintendent, Education

Mrs. Joanne Wilson, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mrs. Lisa Panagia, Director of Human Resources

Public Present:

There were approximately 8 people from the public present.

Flag Salute

The flag salute was led by President Rosenberg.

Sunshine Statement - Chapter 231, Laws of 1975

President Rosenberg read a statement that advance notice of this meeting, as well as the Agenda, had been distributed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 (Sunshine Law).

Superintendent's Presentation

As mandated by N.J.A.C.6a:8-4.3(a) Accountability, Mr. Watson reported the results of the annual assessments to the Board of Education within 30 days of receipt of the information from the Department of Education.

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His presentation showed data proving growth and improvement in all areas including comparisons to district factor group, higher level DFG group, as well as, to the state data results. In all cases results are very positive.

Additionally, Fair Lawn is ranked by Newsweek Magazine's "America's Best High Schools" –out of over 27,000 Fair Lawn was in the top 1300 in 2008 and 2009, in 2010 they ranked 110 and in 2011 Fair Lawn High School was ranked #400 which is the top 2%.

New Jersey Monthly Magazine's September 2012 issue "NJ's Best High Schools-the Top 100 Public HS's", Fair Lawn High School was ranked #81 in 2008, #76 in 2012 and #65 in 2012.

Mr. Watson also presented other quality District accomplishments such as:

- Our 5th Grade Math Olympiad is in the top 25% of the nation.
- Our 5th grade Wordmasters are ranked 6th in the nation of 729 school teams.
- We have a championship Marching Band and an award winning High School Musical.
- Our Model UN, Debate Team and Athletic Teams include county and state championships.

Mr. Watson also reported on the impressive list of colleges where our Class of 2012 students were accepted.

The presentation will be available on the website.

Mr. Rosenberg asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Wallace moved and Mrs. Yuskaitis seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Wilson

Business Administrator/Board Secretary