

MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Montague Township Office of Education

**FOR PUBLIC RELEASE**

June 30, 2015

RE: \*\*\*IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED\*\*\*  
2015/2016 School district preference for  
**all incoming 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students**

Dear Parents:

We are writing to you on behalf of the Montague Board of Education to inform you of the Board's progress regarding the dual send-receive relationships with both High Point Regional School District and Port Jervis City School District.

As you may know, at the Board meeting held on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Board raised the issue to which *"...under the US and NJ State Constitutions involving the impairment of contracts clause, which has a significant bearing on whether our pre-existing contract with Port Jervis can be terminated at this time by the Department of Education."*

A motion was then passed by the Board, *"to authorize representatives to discuss options with Dr. Lamonte regarding a dual send/receive with Port Jervis and High Point in the best interest of the students and to avoid litigation."*

Due to the concern the Board has with the items noted in the above resolution, the Board is pursuing dual send/receive relationships whereby the agreements with both Port Jervis and High Point would be maintained. Ultimately, this would allow the parents of sixth grade students to declare their intentions as to which track their children will pursue; either remain in Montague through eighth grade and move onto High Point or enter Port Jervis in seventh grade and attend through twelfth grade. This plan would also allow eighth grade students to remain in Port Jervis for ninth grade or return to Port Jervis to attend tenth grade there.

Should this concept be approved by the NJ Department of Education and in order for the Boards to effectively plan, **it is very important for the intentions of all 2015/2016 incoming 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders be known.**

Therefore, as this was not previously done, please complete the enclosed form citing your intention as to which school you would prefer your child/ren to attend in the 2015/2016 school year and return it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope no later than July 10, 2015.

Please make every effort to complete and return the form by July 10, 2015. Should the Board not receive your response by July 10, 2015, it will be assumed your choice would be for your child(ren) to remain in their current school.

Thank you.

Tacia Johnson  
President, Montague Board of Education

Janice L. Hodge  
Chief School Administrator/Principal

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Please return this form in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope by  
**Friday, July 10, 2015**

Preferences for 2015/2016 Student Enrollment <i>(fill in your child/ren's name and check the appropriate box)</i>							
Student Name	Continue in Charter School for 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Continue in current Choice School District for 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Continue/Begin in High Point for 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Continue being home-schooled for 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Continue/Begin in Montague for 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Begin/Continue in/Return to Port Jervis for 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Continue in Private/Parochial School for 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> or 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_