

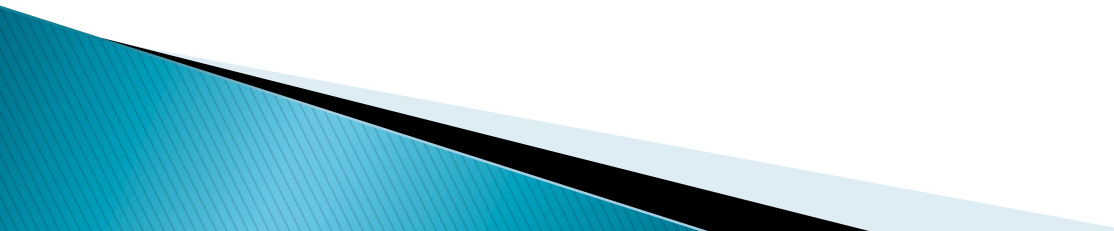
# Shore Consortium for the Gifted & Talented

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# Organization & Member Districts

- ▶ The Shore Consortium for the Gifted and Talented (SCG&T) is committed to providing high quality educational experiences for students through collaboration across school districts
- ▶ Atlantic Highlands
- ▶ Belmar
- ▶ Eatontown
- ▶ Hazlet
- ▶ Henry Hudson
- ▶ Highlands
- ▶ Holmdel (joining 2012)
- ▶ Keansburg
- ▶ Keyport
- ▶ Little Silver (joining 2012)
- ▶ Ocean Township
- ▶ Oceanport
- ▶ Spring Lake
- ▶ Spring Lake Heights
- ▶ Union Beach
- ▶ West Long Branch

# Goals

- ▶ The SCG&T is dedicated to the development of exciting and challenging standards-based activities for high-achieving students.
  - ▶ We look to develop activities that foster risk-taking, persistence, inquisitive thought and breadth of experience.
  - ▶ We provide a support system for teachers and shared services for districts in the area of gifted and talented enrichment opportunities.
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# Convocations

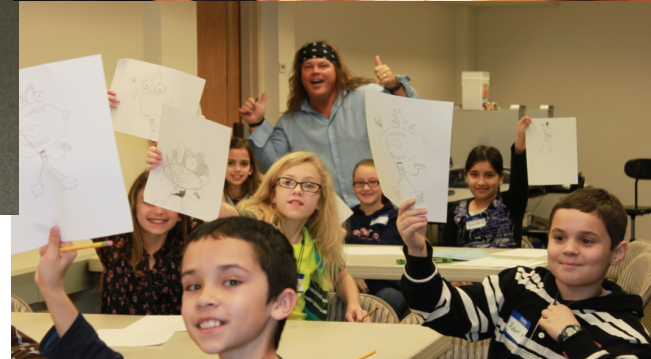
- ▶ Cross-district opportunities for grades 3–8
- ▶ Cross-graded experiences and single grade experiences
  - The arts & letters
  - S.T.E.M.





# Convocations

- ▶ Provide motivated and high-achieving students from smaller districts the opportunity to learn and collaborate with similar students from other districts throughout the county



# Convocations

- ▶ Provide authentic learning experiences, working alongside professionals in varied fields
  - Increase career awareness
  - Provide role-models of life-long learners
  - Expose students to topics not typically addressed during the regular school day.



# Convocations

- ▶ Cost per pupil for each convocation – determined by activity, number of participants, etc.
  - Average costs:
    - 2-day event: \$80
    - 1-day event: \$45
- ▶ 1–2 teachers volunteer to facilitate and arrange convocation
- ▶ Busing is included in cost

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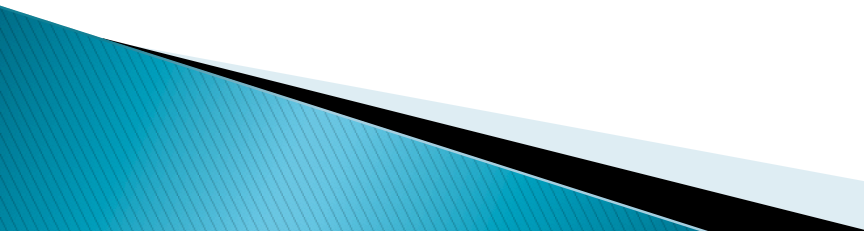
- ▶ 1 teacher for every 12 student participants
  - Typically teachers run break-out sessions and are involved in the delivery of the activities
- ▶ Connections to outside groups & venues
  - Garden State Film Festival
  - Newark Museum
  - Lincoln Center (NYC)
  - The Nuyorican Poets Café (NYC)
  - Middletown Arts Center
  - City of Asbury Park
  - Smithsonian Museum on Main Street: New Harmonies Exhibit



# Sampling of Convocations

- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Robotics (Storming Robots Technology Learning Center)
  - Anticipated: building & robotics, in conjunction with *Association of Women in Construction* – may be extended to 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Fine Arts – 2 day
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Space – 2 day
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Music & Movies – 2 day
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Poetry – 2 day

# Professional Learning Community

- ▶ We are a collegial group united in our commitment to one outcome: quality, enriching opportunities for high achieving students to enhance student learning.
  - ▶ We are teachers working together to
    - Create convocations
    - Share curriculum and best practices
    - Keep current on identification procedures and trends in the field of gifted & talented enrichment
    - Feel less isolated, be better informed and feel more committed to the academic gains and growth of our students
    - Provide shared services
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# Structure & District Commitments

- ▶ Administrator in charge: rotating between schools
  - Currently: Mr. John Bormann, Spring Lake
- ▶ Treasurer: stipend position, filled by a SBA
  - Currently: Mr. Bruce Rodman, retired
- ▶ Monthly meetings of teachers
  - Meeting place rotates between member districts
  - Planning and development of convocations and activities brought back to districts
- ▶ Annual Dues: \$250

# Questions?

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