



Ocean Gate Elementary School

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Dear Gator Families,

As you may be aware, the referendum to raise an additional \$700,000 for General Funds was not passed on January 27, 2026. Ocean Gate will not be able to submit a balanced budget as required by statute for the 2026-2027 school year and beyond. These financial restraints were driven by state funding cuts, and the school building will be forced to close its doors next fall. However, the children are entitled to and will still receive a thorough and efficient education.

The Board of Educations for both Ocean Gate and Berkeley unanimously passed a send/receive resolution on March 3 and March 4th, 2026, respectively. This 5 year agreement guarantees the children of Ocean Gate will attend schools in Berkeley with the same rights and privileges as resident children. H&M Potter will be the primary location for PreK-4 students while Berkeley Township Elementary School will house grades 5 and 6. Students will continue to attend Central Regional School District for grades 7 through 12.

While memories and experiences as "Gators" will forever be cherished, welcoming students into their new classrooms holds new exciting opportunities. In the next few months, Ocean Gate and Berkeley officials will share programs and planned events that will allow both students and families to become more familiar, comfortable moving forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas M. Corbett

Superintendent