



Over 500 staff members from Mahwah Public Schools learned together in sessions led by their colleagues across the district, on January 20, 2020. Mahwah Schools focused on the importance of Martin Luther King Day as one of service and having this as a “day on,” instead of a day off. The power of the Mahwah Community was incredible! The K-12 staff not only learned from one another, but also came together to help 8 different organizations that support families, veterans, and children in need.

### **Overview of the Professional Development Day**

Over 85 sessions at the K-12 level run by our own staff covering the following:

- Social Emotion Learning/Student Well Being and the Classroom Environment
- Innovation and Technology
- Curriculum and Instructional Practices

### **Service Projects**

- **Bergen County Family Promise**
  - Donated new winter hats and gloves.
  - Donated large boys pull ups.
  - Donated paper goods kits to support seminars for up to 40 people.
  - Check for over \$1700
- **Center for Hope and Safety**
  - Donated diapers and wipes.
  - Donated baby monitors.
  - creating cards with messages of hope and positivity.
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- **Various Homeless Shelters**
  - Created nearly 300 kits with the following: socks, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, combs, granola bars, and messages of hope and positivity.

### **Secondary**

- Cards for Veterans
- Blankets for preemies

- Cards for Hospice Patients
- Color-A-Smile
- Cards for Hospitalized kids

We continue to be proud of our district's collective progress and service!

