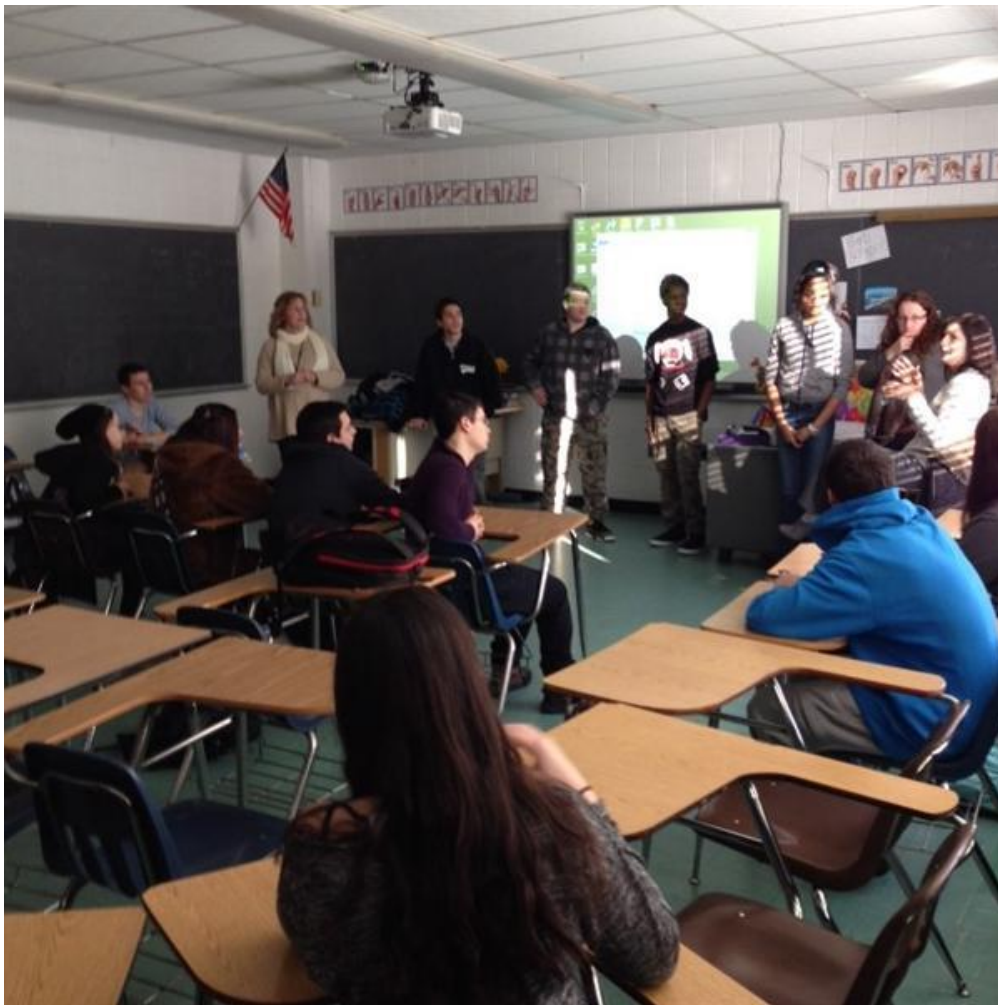


## Superintendent Highlight of the Week

March 6, 2015

Just after the recent break, I had occasion to stop by the high school and I was greeted by students who were being wonderful hosts to visiting students from the Mill Neck School for the Deaf. I watched as the teachers and students from both schools communicated flawlessly using American Sign Language (ASL). Our students are currently enrolled in the American Sign Language courses and this visit gave them an authentic experience to practice their language. What was equally impressive was the notion that the students were enjoying each other for their abilities and not focusing on disabilities.



The visiting students shared their world through signing, smiles and laughter. A variety of issues were discussed, including such topics as the similarities and differences amongst hearing and deaf teenagers, aspirations for college and career, school and work. They even ventured into such advanced topics as the impact of scientific and technological advances on the deaf community and familial relations and communication within deaf and hearing families. Our high school students also used sign language to pose questions relevant to the necessary college preparation for being an interpreter of the deaf or for using American Sign Language in other fields of social service.



During lunch members of the American Sign Language Honor Society enjoyed pizza and soda with their new friends, communicating further on a variety of more informal topics relevant to teenage life. An invitation was extended to our students to attend the prom for Mill Neck School.

A big thank you goes to the American Sign Language teachers, Mrs. Kim Preston, Mrs. Debbie Goldmeier and Department Chair.