

**PROCLAMATION ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL GREAT OUTDOOR LEARNING  
CENTER DEDICATION CEREMONY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Holmdel is proud to be home to some of the best educational institutions in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Benedict Catholic School has been a long standing and highly respected school in the Township of Holmdel for over 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of St. Benedict Catholic school encourages its students to “engage interactively in academic program that prepares students for life-long learning”; and

**WHEREAS**, in early 2019 the school began to plan and fundraise for a new initiative designed to strengthen their curriculum in STEM-related subjects called The Great Outdoor Learning Center; and

**WHEREAS**, The Great Outdoor Learning Center is an immersive outdoor learning lab that offers five unique learning spaces that allow students to work and learn in a hands-on manner; and


**WHEREAS**, this program will benefit all students from Pre-K through Eighth Grade in STEM-related subjects as well as all other disciplines within their curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, current research suggests that learning outdoors is not only healthy, but also increases school performance, engages the community, and helps students to develop as citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Holmdel is pleased to honor the administration, teachers and parents of the St. Benedict Catholic School for all of their hard work and commitment to the education of their students; investment in our students and our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the Holmdel Township Committee, I, Gregory Buontempo, Mayor of the Township of Holmdel, do hereby congratulate and celebrate the St. Benedict Catholic School’s continued support of and investment in the students and the community on the day of this dedication of the Great Outdoor Learning Center

Holmdel Township Committee



Gregory Buontempo, Mayor

Attest:  
Wendy L Patrovich, RMC/CMR  
Township Clerk

