

# HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Holland Township Students and Staff:

As we close out **Black History Month**, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible Black women who have shaped our world—some you may know, and some whose names deserve more recognition.

We honor **Sojourner Truth**, who fought for both abolition and women’s rights, and **Rosa Parks**, whose courage sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott. But let’s also celebrate **Shirley Chisholm**, the first Black woman elected to Congress and the first to run for president in a major party, and **Marian Anderson**, a trailblazing opera singer who broke racial barriers in the world of music.

Let’s not forget **Dr. Patricia Bath**, who revolutionized eye surgery, and **Mamie Till-Mobley**, whose fight for justice after the tragic death of her son, Emmett Till, helped ignite the Civil Rights Movement. These women, along with many others, paved the way for change, resilience, and progress.

As we transition into **Women’s History Month**, we continue to celebrate the contributions of women from all backgrounds who have shaped history and continue to inspire future generations. Women like **Dolores Huerta**, **Ada Lovelace**, and many others have made lasting impacts in their communities and fields.

Let today be a reminder that **all history is important history**—because understanding the past helps us build a better, more inclusive future. So, let’s continue learning, celebrating, and lifting up the voices of those who have paved the way for us all. Have a great day, and let’s make history together!

Best regards,

Michael Spence  
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