



Superintendent's Report August 23, 2023

The excitement is growing for the start of school on September 6, 2023! We welcomed fourteen new hires and two clinical interns at our district orientation on Monday, August 21, 2023. They also attended *Getting Off to a Great Start* curriculum training at the Northern Valley Curriculum Center yesterday and today. Our full staff will return on Friday, September 1, 2023, and Tuesday, September 5, 2023. We are ready to greet our students for another great year of learning!

Our maintenance and custodial department staff worked diligently over the summer to prepare both schools for the return of teachers and students. Compliments to the entire maintenance staff for thoroughly cleaning and creating a sparkling environment for our school community. The schools look beautiful!

We are continuing to share information about the proposed Board of Education bond referendum vote, which will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at regular voting locations. Melody Finkelstein, Magaly Salamea-Cross, Floro Villanueva, and I visited the Closter Senior Center on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, to give a presentation about the bond referendum. The senior residents who were present asked questions, and some made comments supporting the school district. It was great to connect with our senior citizens! The next referendum information session, open to all Closter residents, will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tenakill Middle School Auditorium. Board trustees will also be present at the Back-to-School Nights if anyone has questions about the referendum. If approved by the Closter voters, this bond referendum will allow us to replace boilers and replace roofs at both schools, replace windows at TMS, and add HVAC in the TMS gymnasium. The projects are eligible for debt service aid from the state of New Jersey, thereby reducing the cost to taxpayers. I encourage everyone to visit [our district webpage](#) to learn more about the September 26th referendum vote.

Mark your calendars for Back-to-School Nights:

- Tuesday, September 12, 2023: Grades 5– 6, Tenakill Middle School, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.
- Thursday, September 14, 2023: Grades 3 – 4 , Hillside Elementary School, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 19, 2023: Grades 7 – 8, Tenakill Middle School, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.
- Thursday, September 21, 2023: Grades PreK – 2, Hillside Elementary School, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy the last weeks of summer!

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