



Superintendent's Report January 5, 2023

I congratulate our re-elected Board members, Janine Micera and Magaly Salamea-Cross, and our new Board member, Jia-Dee Li, for their willingness to serve the Closter Public Schools community. Ms. Li attended a district-led orientation in December for new Board members and all three newly sworn-in Board members will be attending required training with the New Jersey School Boards Association. On behalf of the entire school community, I welcome you to your new or continuing role as a Board member and extend a heartfelt thank you!

Ms. Earle and Ms. Weisenseel, School Counselors at Tenakill Middle School, will facilitate two Anti-Bullying assemblies on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Students in grades five through eight will learn more about why harassment, intimidation, and bullying are harmful and ways to prevent HIB in our school community. We must work as a community to stop bullying so I urge parents to have a follow-up conversation with students after the assemblies to remind them that "in a world where you can be anything, be kind."

Registration for the Closter PTO ASEP program will open on Monday, January 9, 2023. There are many wonderful enrichment classes for students at Hillside Elementary School and Tenakill Middle School. The PTO is also sponsoring the Porchlight Production of *High School Musical Jr.* for students in third through sixth grade. Please check out the Closter PTO website for more information.

We are excited to celebrate Lunar New Year on Friday, January 20, 2023. This celebration will take place at both schools with an exciting and educational assembly featuring our students. More information will be forthcoming.

During the month of January, students in grades two through eight will be taking the mid-year Linkit! Assessment in language arts and mathematics. Each of the two tests will take about 45 to 60 minutes. The assessments provide teachers with information about how students are progressing toward grade-level standards. If you have any questions about the Linkit! Assessments, please get in touch with Ms. Zanin at Hillside Elementary School or Mr. McElroy at Tenakill Middle School.

Closter Public Schools will be closed for students on Monday, January 16, 2023, which is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The faculty and staff will participate in professional development on that day.

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