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Memo

To: Willingboro Board of Education/Public
From: Dr. Ronald G. Taylor, Superintendent of Schools
Date: August 27, 2018
Subject: Re-Org Updates

Hello Board Members,

Please find below a brief list of our Re-Org/Opening Schools Updates:

- Board and County Supt Approved Re-org is moving forward very well, including moving of furniture, boxes etc;
- Enrollment at all schools is within the predictions shared during our Re-Org presentations from the spring;
- Class Sizes are very reasonable, between 18-22;
- District Elementary Enrollment Boundaries have been updated to reflect our reorganization and is on the agenda to be approved this evening;
- New Curriculum is set to be approved this evening; across grade levels and subject matter including the Ed. Connect online stakeholder access;
- WHS Orientation was held last week including the rollout of one to one take home Chromebooks;
- My Payment Plus online lunch payment system now has provisions to accept the \$25 usage fee for take home chromebooks (WHS);
- Memorial now has a one to one chromebook ratio for in school usage (inclusive of charging carts);
- We expect Levitt Intermediate to also have a one to one chromebook ratio by late fall;
- Staff 'rightsizing' has continued at the granular level throughout the summer as the enrollment numbers per grade level came to fruition, it has allowed for thoughtful shifts in staff;
- 4th Graders will continue with the departmentalization that we began in the elementary schools last year;
- Master Scheduling is locked in at Levitt, Memorial and WHS. Fine tuning/editing for WHS students' electives happened today and will be concluded tomorrow. We are on target to have schedules mailed this Wednesday;
- Professional Development has been ongoing throughout the summer and will continue when staff returns next Tuesday thru Thursday (and throughout the school year).
- **We received notification this morning that our NJDOE Pre-School Expansion Grant application was again successful and will be adding an additional \$779k to our Early Childhood program. Please recall that last year's expansion was funded by a \$1.4M grant that was renewed for this year 2018-2019. This news raises the amount of the 2 year competitive grant award to \$3.5M -60 more seats for PreK-3 (currently 46 more to come on this);**
- Acknowledgement and many thanks go to staff members that have come in before their reporting date to begin classroom set up; and,
- Finally, thank you again to the many District employees who worked late into the evenings and through the summer to support our reorganization and its many moving parts.