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“[T]hat old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, vacation nearly done, obligations gathering, books and football in the air ... Another fall, another turned page: there was something of jubilee in that annual autumnal beginning, as if last year's mistakes had been wiped clean by summer.”

~Wallace Stegner, Pulitzer Prize Winner 1972

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Dear Willingboro Family,

On behalf of the Willingboro Board of Education, please allow me to be among the first to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! We truly hope you have had a restful and rejuvenating respite. This summer has been an extremely busy and rewarding time in our District. Our much discussed reorganization is moving full steam ahead, including:

- The opening of the new J.C. Stuart Early Childhood Development Center serving PreK-3, PreK-4 and Kindergarteners;
- The launching of our Levitt Intermediate School serving 5th and 6th Grade students;
- The introduction of a 1st thru 4th grade format for our Elementary Schools-Twin Hills, Hawthorne and W.R. James;
- The implementation of newly written, edited and adopted curriculum for all subjects, courses and grade levels;
- The rollout of the New Generation Science Standards materials to accompany our revised curriculum;
- The addition of our TOPS teachers to each Elementary school (for both acceleration and remediation if needed);
- The expansion of our digital supplemental student support for students including: Educere, Achieve 3000, I-Ready, Ed Connect and Raz Kids; and,
- The realization of our goal to bridge the digital divide with the issuing of Chrome Books (1 to 1 initiative) for students at Willingboro High School!

All of these very exciting advancements are the fruit of countless hours of effort by many of our team members. From the movement of furniture and equipment, to the writing and editing of curriculum, as well as the procurement of vendors to assist in many of these monumental tasks...we truly thank the numerous members of the Willingboro School District Family for their tireless efforts to make **us all** successful throughout the summer months.

While our plans and execution has been very invigorating, we know that **none of this replaces high quality school leaders and instructors**. This is why much of our work has gone towards professional development for our educators, both this summer and multiple planned dates throughout the year, to ensure implementation of our curriculum with high rigor and fidelity. We ask for your patience, cooperation and encouragement as we go through this tremendous transition that we believe will significantly improve our practices and outcomes for our students, families and community as a whole. Be sure to check our website-www.willingboroschools.org, Instagram-[@officialwillingboroschools](https://www.instagram.com/officialwillingboroschools) and Twitter-[@willingborosch](https://twitter.com/willingborosch) for timely updates and highlights!

Yours in education,

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