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Dear Willingboro Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well during this health pandemic. As a country, we are in uncharted waters; yet, I am confident that as a community, grounded in strength as well as care and concern for our fellow man, we will prevail through this difficult time. History has shown that trials and tribulations will most certainly invade our lives, but our collective strength and endurance will serve as mighty forces that will lead us to prevail even amidst these trying times that are upon us.

Moreover, please know that as your newly appointed Superintendent of Schools as of April 20, 2020, I am extremely proud and honored to assume this role in the community in which I reside and call home. As such, my commitment to you is rooted not only in my love for children and the endeavor to afford them the opportunity to succeed, but it is also rooted in my love for community. It is because of my love for community that I know we shall come together to ensure that we continue the business of providing a quality educational experience for our children during these trying times and that we keep the torch lit so that they can see there is light at the end of this tunnel. There is triumph on the other side of the horizon, and as your educational leader, I am committed to paving our way through this storm.

I come to you with 21 years of experience in various roles such as assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and superintendent. My most recent position was Superintendent of the Irvington Public Schools, a position I held for eight years; and, now I am delighted to serve you as the Superintendent of the Willingboro School District. And, it is my intent to use my experience to ensure that the school district continues to provide a quality learning experience that prepares students for college and career readiness.

As such, I firmly believe that through rigorous and relevant instruction that is differentiated for the needs of each student, doors will open for every student to enter the realm of endless possibilities. Every decision that I make will always be guided by what is best for successful outcomes for each and every student. I want every student to understand and internalize the possibilities that await them when they are equipped with an education that allows them to be critical thinkers and problem solvers, thus better preparing them to become productive, competitive, and proactive citizens.

I firmly believe that all students have the ability to achieve at the highest levels when afforded the opportunity and a shared mindset of continuous improvement. My experience in executing strategic plans and implementing the supports necessary for continuous improvement has prepared me to collaboratively engage with the Willingboro family toward a common vision of educational excellence, and I pledge my commitment to each of you that I will work tirelessly with a laser-like focus on meeting the academic needs of your children. My daily practice will reflect this commitment. My expectations and high standards of self and staff will reflect this commitment; and my unwavering integrity and professionalism will reflect this commitment.

I look forward to working with each of you as we collaborate in our shared mission of providing a quality education to the students of Willingboro. Together we will engage in a partnership that will be critical and essential for providing your children with the academic foundation to become contributing members of our society.

Please remain safe and continue to follow the safety guidelines of social distancing, frequent hand washing, and other health protocols. Your children should continue to follow the academic plan as outlined by their teachers. Please be advised that Governor Murphy has extended the closure of schools through May 15, 2020.

Please contact your child's teacher and/or principal if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at nhackett@wboe.net. I look forward to engaging with all parents in-person as soon as it is safely possible.

Sincerely,
Dr. Neely Hackett