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Dear Willingboro Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a status report in regards to my 90-Day Entry Plan. June 3, 2020, will mark the 45th day of my employment as Superintendent of Schools.

As you are aware, the Willingboro Public Schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year. The Contingency Plan has been updated with information regarding end of the year assessment procedures. In addition, your child's principal will contact you with information regarding the retrieval of your child's belongings from the schools.

Please be advised that all students with the exception of graduating seniors will be permitted to keep the chromebooks for use during the summer. Academic assignments will be posted on the district's website throughout the summer so that students will have the opportunity to engage in instruction that is grade level appropriate and standards-based.

Over the course of the six weeks that I have served as Superintendent of Schools, the following has been accomplished:

- Held a Listen and Learn Meeting with administrators, teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, attendance staff, the transportation coordinator, and the food service supervisor. Conducted a Listen and Learn Meeting with the Mayor of Willingboro and the Willingboro Township Manager with a focus on collaborative partnerships.
- Reviewed and in the process of completing on-going revisions of school schedules, the Code of Conduct Manual, attendance procedures, summative assessments, and mission/vision statements.
- Revised the district's Organizational Chart to enable the hiring of content supervisors who will focus on curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Developed a draft of a Uniform Grading Profile, which will provide standards for grading students in all grade levels and subjects. The district will return to the four marking period grading system in the 2020-2021 school year for grades K-12.
- Reviewed major instructional initiatives and analyzed successes and potential challenges.

- Reviewed the scope and breadth of the Willingboro curriculum, as well as the degree of alignment to the rigorous requirements of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.
- Analyzed the district's website and developed a template that will enhance the depth of information provided to parents and community members. The website will undergo the first phase of construction on June 10, 2020 for approximately two weeks.
- Reviewed the effectiveness of the district's information-data management system with a special focus on student attendance.
- Reviewed New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) data. *NJQSAC is the Department of Education's monitoring and district self-evaluation system for public school districts. It is a single comprehensive accountability system that consolidates and incorporates the monitoring requirements of applicable state laws and programs and complements federally required improvements. The system focuses on monitoring and evaluating school districts in five key components that, based on research, have been identified to be key factors in effective school districts. These components are Instruction & Program, Fiscal, Governance, Operations, and Personnel (Definition provided by the New Jersey Department of Education).*
- Hired a Director of Special Services who will begin employment on July 1, 2020.

Over the next few weeks, I will be scheduling Listen and Learn Meetings with a group of parents; 4th grade students; 5th/6th grade students; 7th/8th grade students; and 9th-12th grade students. I will also be conducting interviews for several administrative positions.

Please be reminded that the district is closed on June 2, 2020. Breakfast and lunch will not be distributed on this day. However, breakfast and lunch for June 2nd will be included in the June 1st distribution.

I am excited to serve as Superintendent of the Willingboro Public Schools. 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. 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 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,
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