

# WEST DEPTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we reach the end of September, I am thrilled to share with you our excitement for the remarkable start we've had to this school year. First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your continued trust and support in our educational system. The smooth opening of school this year was made possible by the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, engaged students, and the support from our parent community. The past month has been filled with a sense of renewal, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to the success and well-being of our students.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our newly fully operational Transportation Department. The safe and efficient transportation of our students is a top priority, and our Transportation Department has gone above and beyond to ensure a smooth and secure ride for our children. Their commitment to safety and punctuality has not gone unnoticed, and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated team.

As we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff, I want to remind you that our district will continue to follow the NJDOH/CDC COVID illness guidelines. If you have questions, *please contact your school nurse* for additional guidance, if needed. These guidelines remind us that if your child exhibits any symptoms or tests positive for COVID, we kindly request that they remain at home from day 0 to day 5 of their illness. During this period, they should focus on rest and recovery. From day 6 to day 10, if they are feeling better, fever free, and wish to return to school, we ask that they wear a mask to minimize the risk of transmission to others. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe learning environment for all.

I want to reiterate my appreciation for your partnership with us in nurturing your child's education and well-being. Your involvement plays a crucial role in our shared mission to provide a high-quality learning experience for all students. Looking ahead, I am excited about the possibilities that the coming months will bring. Together, we will continue to create a positive and enriching learning environment for our students.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school or contact our district office. Your feedback is essential to us. As we embrace the beauty and opportunities that fall brings, I wish you and your families a joyful and educational month ahead.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Gismondi". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Dr. Brian C. Gismondi, Superintendent of West Deptford Schools