

TRENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to take a moment to thank you for embracing our mission to raise our school district to a higher level of student academic performance and overall educational excellence. I, in collaboration with the Board of Education, your child's principals and teachers have and will continue to focus on holding all students to high academic standards as well as social/behavioral standards. Achieving and even surpassing these standards will lead to improved academic performance and a positive and meaningful educational experience in the Trenton Public Schools.

As the year progresses, we continue to take a close look at the status and effectiveness of teaching and its impact on meeting the needs, interests and abilities of every student. The district has made it a priority to provide our teachers with high quality, research-based, best educational practices professional development programs.

I am happy to share with you that our local colleges and universities (Rider University, Princeton University, The College of New Jersey, Mercer County Community College), as well as the Trenton Educational Foundation have joined us in our mission to improve our students' academic performance and increase their chances for overall school success.

I will be sharing with you the progress of these numerous initiatives in Literacy (Reading, Writing, Speaking), and Mathematics as they develop.

Last and just as important we need you to continue to be "Partners" with us in your child's educational success. Educational research is no longer debatable. The evidence is clear that when schools engage parents as partners in their child's education the rate and degree of learning and school success increases significantly. Many of you know this and your efforts are to be applauded. However, let me encourage many more to remain involved with your child's education through their school experience from pre-school throughout 12th grade and beyond!

As a final note, as we approach this critical point in the school year help us keep our students' eyes focused on the prize "by insisting upon and assuring that they attend school regularly." This becomes extremely important as we continue to assess, test and evaluate your child's progress and begin to consider issues of promotion, retention and graduation or additional services

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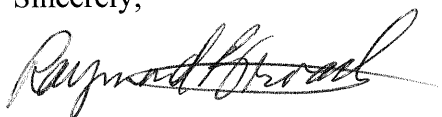
needed. Remember, the competitive edge and degree of success is clearly given to students who regularly attend school and are on task with their learning.

With this in mind, with the occasional exception that your child is ill, we need all students to attend school every day of the school year.

I know there is much work to be done to achieve the above goals and mission, but I am confident that because of our partnership of schools, parents and community working together on the same mission, each child will and can have a positive and meaningful educational experience in the Trenton Public Schools.

Thank you again for being a Partner in your child's education as we work together to build bridges to your child's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond Broach". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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