WANAQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Wanaque School District Families,

A warm welcome to our students and families as we enter the 2018-2019 school year! This promises to be a year filled with wonderful opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have been before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events certain to encourage our Wanaque Warriors to get involved!

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel are committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities both academically and socially.

Our schools, the heartbeat of our community, are ready to go! This summer, we worked hard to prepare for a great school year. I would like to take a moment to personally thank our maintenance and custodial staff and our secretarial and central office staff for their tremendous efforts in making certain we were ready for opening day.

There are many new faces as well as some staffing changes in our schools this year. For your convenience, I have provided you with an update.

Welcome Back to the District:

Keri Guy Haskell School
Elaine Fox Haskell School
Gina Berry Haskell School
Jennifer Halewicz Haskell School
Deb Lisovsky Haskell School
Caitlyn Babcock Wanaque School

District:

Change in Assignment 2017-2018 Assignment 2018-2019 Assignment

Samantha Nash Asst. Principal Wanaque Dir. of Curriculum & Instruction

Haskell School:

New to the District:

Kenneth Doolittle Principal, Haskell School
Shaun Connolly Gr. 6-8 Science

Jody Montague Gr. 6-8 ELA Resource

Matthew Testa Suzanne Staropoli Carlie Till Allison Cook Michael Iannuzzi Biljana Kostadinovska

Instructional Music Pre-K Teacher

Basic Skills Leave Replacement

Instructional Assistant Instructional Assistant Instructional Assistant

Change in Assignment

2017-2018 Assignment

Teacher, 6-8 Math

2018-2019 Assignment

Teacher, Gr. 1 Haskell

Keri Guy
Nicole Hayes
Carly Breen
Sandra Somohano
Keri Schamble

Teacher, Kindergarten, Haskell Teacher, Basic Skills, Haskell Teacher, Kindergarten Haskell Teacher, Gr. 1 Haskell

Teacher, LLD/Inclusion Haskell Teacher, Kindergarten Haskell Teacher Assistant, Haskell

Teacher, Kindergarten Haskell

Jennifer Jaisli Teacher, Kindergarten ICS

Haskell/Wanaque Teacher, Gr. 1 ICS

Wanaque School:

New to the District:

Zoe Luke Martha Coffman Colleen Cook Jennifer Krajewski Melissa Mezzadri Matthew Testa Nicole Labouseur Tamara Mladenovic Melissa Stys **Assistant Principal**

Gr. 4 ELA Leave Replacement Gr. 6-8 S.S. Leave Replacement

Gr. 6-8 ELA Kindergarten Instructional Music Instructional Assistant Instructional Assistant Instructional Assistant

Assignment Changes: 2017-2018 Assignment

Dylan Cohen Teacher LLD, Haskell

Carrie Kreider Teacher, Gr. 5 Haskell Megan Zavala Teacher, Gr. 3

Vanessa Andresen
Alisa Memish
Hailey Butterfass
Teacher, Gr. 5 Wanaque
Teacher, Pre-K Haskell
Instructional Assistant, Wanaque

Kathy Diaz Teacher, ICS Haskell
Margie Tomasello Teacher Assistant, Haskell

2018-2019 Assignment

Teacher, Primary Autism Wanaque

Leave Replacement Teacher, Gr. 4 Wanaque

Teacher, Gr. 2

Teacher, Gr. 6 Wanaque Teacher, Pre-K Wanaque Teacher, ICS Wanaque Teacher, ICS Wanaque Teacher Assistant, Wanaque

As we get ready for a new school year, I want to once again draw your attention to the importance of school attendance. Did you know that research shows that missing 10% of the school year (or about 18 days) negatively affects a student's academic performance? That's just two days per month!

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success – both in school and in life. <u>WE NEED YOUR HELP!</u> When you help us make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, and be ready to successfully meet all the challenges life may have in store for them! Please help us, help your child to make daily school attendance a priority!

Further security enhancements have been finalized over the summer. A new Lockdown Emergency Notification System is scheduled to be installed in both buildings. This new system fully addresses what a school/district needs in the event a lockdown, shelter-in-place, active shooter, or evacuation event were

necessary. Additionally, we have upgraded our walkie-talkie system. This new and improved communication device allows the user to speak with other users in-house, from school to school, and directly to the police department.

In our continuing effort to keep parents and guardian's active partners in their child's education and to reduce the amount of paper that comes home, the "Opening Day" packet will be in electronic format via the Parent Portal and will be available as of 9/5/18. For your convenience, login information to access the portal, will be sent home with your child on the first day of school. Once you are logged in, you will be able to access the forms and memos by clicking on "Documents" located in the menu bar on the left side of the screen.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the main office and we will be more than happy to provide you with a hard copy of the entire packet.

In closing, please accept my sincere wishes for a successful school year! I look forward to seeing each of you in September. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. D. Cardiello

Donna L. Cardiello Superintendent of Schools