



# LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Lacey Township School District Community:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer break and were able to relax, travel and enjoy family and friends. Many of our students participated in our Extended School Year Program and our Enrichment School Program this summer during the months of July and August. We hope all of our young learners took advantage of the summer months to read or practice math problems. The summer months are a great time to prepare for a brand new school year. We as a district are truly pleased to welcome back the students, families, and staff of the Lacey Township School District.

Students' first day of school is **Thursday, September 5, 2024**. Please note this is a full day of school. The summer months have been busy around the district. Along with the normal deep cleaning of all of our classrooms, the Lacey Township School District was the recipient of the Preschool Facilities Grant which has allowed us to construct 10 bathrooms for our expanding early childhood learning center located at the Mill Pond Elementary School. Our own maintenance and custodial crew were also busy relighting and repainting the exterior of the middle school. Forked River School received new lights in the multi-purpose room, Cedar Creek School's art room has been air conditioned and the hallways have been repainted at Lanoka Harbor School. The cafeteria and kitchen areas at the high school have been painted and given new ceilings and lights as well. All of our maintenance and custodial staff deserve a huge thank you for their efforts.

This school year will present us with some interesting and exciting challenges. The district will propose a referendum to the public in March which includes significant renovations and improvements to both our core facilities and grounds. We invite you to attend our information sessions which will be advertised on our website. Additionally, we will continue to advocate with the State of New Jersey over significantly reduced school funding. As the "new" school funding formula develops over the course of the upcoming year, we will keep you informed of the effect upon our district.

The Realtime Parent and Student Portals are open for all of our families. Please spend some time reading and electronically signing all of the forms. These documents contain a wealth of information for the beginning of the school year, including free and reduced lunch applications, handbooks, media sign offs, and updated cell phone policies. We want all of our families to take a few minutes and familiarize yourselves with this information.

We are extremely grateful for our dedicated teaching and support staff. We stand poised to assist you and your families for the upcoming school year. Please reach out to your child's school should you require any assistance. I am excited to begin the new school year and hope you are as well. Enjoy the final days of summer.

Sincerely,

William W. Zylinski

Acting Superintendent

Lacey Township School District