

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear South Brunswick Families,

Finally, not only does it look like November, but it is beginning to feel like it as well. November, for as long as I can remember, has always been a choppy month for schools due to half days, the NJEA convention and of Thanksgiving. This, however, does not mean a halt in learning as we all continue to work hard to support each and every student. It also does not mean a halt in district happenings, some of which I will be sharing with you below.

I would be remiss in not starting by congratulating our returning Board of Education members, Deven Patel, Pat Del Piano and Arthur Robinson, for being elected to return to the Board for three more years. I also would like to acknowledge and congratulate our newest member to the Board, Joyce Mehta.

Exciting things are ahead and it is wonderful to have these very committed and dedicated folks to work with in the coming years. While we welcome new and returning members to the Board, we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Martin Abschutz, who completes his term after filling a vacant seat this past year. Mr. Abschutz served on the Board for over twelve years, having recently returned in 2016 to fill the vacated seat. During his many years as a Board Member, Mr. Abschutz served as President, Vice President, member or Chair of the Budget Committee each year as well as serving on many other committees. We thank him for his dedication and commitment to the South Brunswick School Community.

Another loss to our district, as I have shared in recent writings, is Mr. Mark Daniels, Principal of Crossroads North, who will be leaving South Brunswick after a long and distinguished career. Mr. Daniels began his career in South Brunswick in 2001 as the Assistant Principal of Crossroads South. He also served as Assistant Principal of Indian Fields until January 2010 when he was appointed Principal of Crossroads North. Mr. Daniels will be assuming the role of Director of Human Resources for the Plainfield Public Schools. Mr. Daniels will be with us until right around Winter Break and then off to the next chapter in his professional career. While Mr. Daniels will be an extreme challenge to replace, we have begun the search process for our next leader. Our goal is to have a new principal in place as soon as able, so that the least amount of disruption is felt by the school or the students. I will be sharing more with the Crossroads family in the coming week about process specifics.

While schools will be closed for the next two days, we know that families value their time together and we wish everyone an enjoyable time making the most of these days off from school. Reminder also that Monday is our last early release day for conferences and then back in the swing of things for the next two weeks right up until the Thanksgiving recess.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief update on Transportation. While not exactly where we want it to be, there has been a great deal of improvement and in most cases things are running normally. We do extend our sincere appreciation to all of you for the patience and understanding you have shown and continue to show us as we navigate through the national bus driver shortage.

On a personal note, having now concluded four months as your Superintendent, I remain amazed every day by the professional way in which our staff educate your children and by the dedication you show in supporting your children's learning and school experiences. Mostly, though, my daily amazements do come from our students. Academically, athletically, through the arts and just by the way they treat each other, every day is a sunny one here in South Brunswick and I could not be a happier person to have the privilege to work with so many fine people and wonderful students.

A sincere thank you to all,

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