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## **Community Update: Key Takeaways**

- You may learn more about COVID-19 protocols and social/emotional/mental health supports and resources on the <u>2021-2022 School Year Profile</u> section of the <u>Paramus Community</u> <u>Connections</u> website.
- Parents/guardians are invited to apply to be members of the <u>Superintendent Advisory Team</u> to discuss short-term and long-term goals and issues connected to our schools with the Superintendent of Schools.

September 8, 2021

Dear Paramus Community,

We are ready and excited to welcome our students for the first day of school tomorrow! It has been a busy summer for our faculty and staff. For six full weeks over the summer, over 700 of our K-11 students had the opportunity to participate in our first-ever full day summer learning program, which provided them with academic courses and inventive enrichment electives. From the district administrative perspective, it offered a positive preview of the upcoming school year.

In an effort to continue to provide the school community with updated information during what promises to be an evolving school year, a <a href="2021-2022 School Year Profile">2021-2022 School Year Profile</a> section has been added to the <a href="Paramus Community Connections">Paramus Community Connections</a> website. Here, you may learn more about school-related COVID-19 protocols and the social, emotional, and mental health supports and resources available to members of our school community.

As announced during the <u>public presentation</u> at the August 23 Board of Education meeting, I will be forming a Superintendent Advisory Team to continue our focus on enhancing the collaboration between parents/guardians and district administration. This group will meet with me on a regular basis to discuss both short-term and long-term goals and issues connected to our schools. Due to the need to have a robust and diverse group of team members, parents/guardians interested in becoming involved in this initiative must complete a <u>Superintendent Advisory Team Application</u> (due Friday, September 17). All applications will be carefully reviewed to ensure that the widest variety of perspectives and backgrounds possible are represented. To facilitate the greatest level of access, all meetings of this team will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Finally, while the majority of our school buildings made it through last week's storm relatively unscathed, a moderate amount of water infiltrated certain sections of Paramus High School and West Brook Middle School. Our dedicated Buildings and Grounds staff have been working steadily since then on ensuring that these locations are remediated and the buildings are safe for our students'



return to school tomorrow. Although students may notice some work taking place in these rooms over the next few days, the buildings are prepared for students to have a positive and rewarding start to the school year.

Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start to a great school year tomorrow!

Sincerely,

Sean Adams

Superintendent of Schools