

Dear Teaneck Parents, Staff, Students & Community Members,

Since joining Teaneck Public Schools in July, I have been meeting with many members of our community – from our parents, students and staff who are directly involved in the day-to-day concerns of our school district, to our community stakeholders who play a supporting role in the educational and emotional development of our children.

The feedback that I received over the past three months has been extremely helpful and I am a firm believer that any good system will continue to strive to become better – especially for the benefit of the more than 3500 children under our care.

As education continues to change, we need to anticipate that change. This is why I have created six Superintendent Advisory Committees, which will meet regularly throughout the school year:

- Beyond Diversity Committee
- Student Advisory Committee
- Faculty Advisory Committee
- Special Education Parent Advisory Committee
- Faith-based Council
- Student Code of Conduct Review Committee

Each committee will include representatives from various stakeholder groups; and under the leadership of a Committee Chair, the members will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on how we move this district forward. I will take part in each committee's meetings on a quarterly basis.

Please note that two committees have a very specific charge. The Beyond Diversity Committee will explore how well our current school system works to provide all students and staff with equitable access to an education that embodies the mission and goals of Teaneck Public Schools. The Student Code of Conduct Review Committee will work towards the development and implementation of equitable student-centered and grade-appropriate discipline language that supports the maturation and development of the whole student learner.

**If you are interested in being a part of our go-forward movement, I invite you to visit the Superintendent's Steering Committee page:**

<http://www.teaneckschools.org/SuperintendentSteeringCommittees.aspx>

Please review the specific committee's expectations and then depending upon your interest, complete the appropriate application form and return it to the designated contact by **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. *All applicants will receive notification by October 17<sup>th</sup>*. If you are unable to participate in the committee meetings but would like to receive committee updates, please continue to visit this web page and the respective committee web pages, as quarterly updates will be posted.

We are about to embark on a transformational journey to make Teaneck Public Schools a model in education. I hope you will consider playing a key role in this effort!

Sincerely,

Dr. Christopher C. Irving, Superintendent of Schools