Dear Teaneck Community,

The development of our district's budget for the 2019-2020 school year is well underway and I would like to invite you to participate in this planning process.

Creating our annual budget is one of the most essential things we do because our budget directly affects our ability to manage the day-to-day operations of our school system – and most importantly, it supports our efforts to provide a quality education for our 3,500 children.

This year, there will many other opportunities for you to participate in the planning process including at our upcoming Board meetings and at two special Budget Community Forums.

The first Community Forum will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at 7 pm at The Richard Rodda Center on Colonial Court. If you are unable to attend this event, the second Community Forum will be held at the Teaneck High School on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of budget meeting dates, times and locations, please visit the following page on our district website:

(<a href="http://www.teaneckschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6YBUYP2&dasi=4GBPB">http://www.teaneckschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6YBUYP2&dasi=4GBPB</a>).

I hope to see you at our upcoming budget meetings because it is very important that we hear from our parents, students and staff. The 2019-2020 budget will be the first budget to support our new District Strategic Plan, which will guide the direction of our district for the next five years.

Thank you.

Dr. Christopher Irving, Superintendent of Schools