

November 19, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Staff,

In this time dedicated to giving thanks, let me take a moment to thank all of you for helping to get this school year off to a great start.

If you are one of the parents, students, staff or community members who volunteered to serve on one of my Superintendent Advisory Committees, please know that I appreciate your giving of your time. These committees have already begun meeting; and we will work together to address concerns and to continue to move this district forward.

As I shared with you this summer, two additional key goals for this year include the development of a five-year District Strategic Plan and a review of best practices in school safety and security.

I am pleased to report that our Strategic Planning Committee – comprised of fifteen (15) members – will begin their year-long work to create a strategic plan that will serve as the blueprint for our district in the years to come. This committee will:

- Set goals that will positively impact the education offered to our students;
- Identify and mobilize resources that can be used to actualize the strategic plan; and
- Serve as advocates for the numerous voices that are present within the Teaneck community.

Finally, I want to invite everyone to come out to our School Security Town Hall on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> (6:30 – 8:00 pm). The recent tragic events that took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Thousand Oaks, California remind us that we must ensure that our schools are safe. At this forum, we will hear from state, county and local experts; but it is also important that we hear from you! This Town Hall will take place at Teaneck High School's 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Student Center. I hope you will join us.

Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely

Dr. Christopher C. Irving, Superintendent of Schools