## Teaneck Public Schools Superintendent Report September 13, 2017

Our school year is off to a great start! Thank you to everyone – administrators, teachers, nurses, counselors, child study team members, secretaries, custodians, maintenance staff, technology support staff – for your diligent work in getting our school ready! A special welcome to our 35 new employees who attended orientation from August 29-31 and demonstrated their great potential!

As always, the summer was been a busy time around the district:

- 188 students attended our Summer Literacy & Math Program;
- 255 students attended our Special Education Extended School Year Program;
- 62 incoming ninth graders attended the Algebra transition class, 63 incoming ninth graders attended the Global History transition class, and 81 incoming ninth graders attended the Language Arts transition class at Teaneck High School;
- 56 high school students attended the College Application Essay Writing Workshop;
- 53 high school students attended SAT Prep classes;
- 29 teachers worked on writing 23 curriculum documents;
- 35 new certificated employees joined the district as teachers, nurses, and Child Study Team members.

On Monday, September 11, 2017, Thomas Jefferson Middle School held a 9/11 Remembrance Service. The students, faculty, staff and administration remembered the lives lost and they also honored the Teaneck police and firefighters for their service to our township and for keeping us all safe.

<u>Back to School</u> Nights will be held as follows: Bryant School – Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Teaneck High School – Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. BFMS & TJMS – Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Hawthorne, Lowell and Whittier Schools – Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

School will be closed for Rosh Hashanah on Thursday, September 21, 2017 and Friday, September 22, 2017.

We are continuing to seek volunteers for our schools. Volunteering with our students is a great way to experience firsthand the greatness of our schools and students. Volunteers are needed to read with students, tutor students, and to assist in the office and school libraries. If you are interested, please contact Linda Kuhran at 201-833-5510 for more information.

Calling all high school filmmakers and documentarians! This year, the Teaneck International Film Festival, in partnership with the Teaneck Board of Education and Age-Friendly Teaneck, is sponsoring a "Smart Phone Film Contest" for all high school students who live in Teaneck. Students are encouraged to use their smart phone to make a five minute documentary about an older resident's memory of Teaneck. Submissions must be entered by October 1, 2017. More information is available at www.teaneckschools.org.

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