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## TEANECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS & ARBOR TERRACE ANNOUNCE "LEADING THROUGH LESSONS" PARTNERSHIP

District's Middle School Students & Senior Living Residents
Will Come Together for Theme-based Discussions

TEANECK, New Jersey, December 3, 2019 — The Teaneck Public School District and Arbor Terrace Teaneck are announcing a special partnership to hold semi-annual "Leading Through Lessons" conversations between the district's middle school students and the residents of the town's senior living community. This initiative aligns with a key goal in the district's new Strategic Plan to "identify and create additional volunteer opportunities for members of the community to engage with Teaneck Public School students."

Through this partnership, the sessions will take place three to four times per school year and will focus on specific topics such as traveling abroad, the women's movement, and World War II. Arbor Terrace's senior residents will share their knowledge and experience – over lunch – with a select group of Benjamin Franklin Middle School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School students.

"Our school district welcomes in-school volunteers to help mentor and support the growth of our students in a wide variety of ways," commented Dr. Christopher Irving, Superintendent of Schools. "But through this special partnership, we will be taking our students out of the school environment to engage in conversations that will help to develop knowledge, empathy, and an appreciation for different generations. I am confident that these will be mutually beneficial gatherings of Teaneck's past and future leaders."

"Our residents have had many interesting life experiences and have much wisdom to share," said Alyssa Lopez, Regional VP of Sales & Marketing for The Arbor Company. "We look forward to welcoming the Teaneck students at our community."

The student participants will be selected by the leadership teams of the district's two middle schools. The students will be bused to and from Arbor Terrace during the school day. The first "Leading Through Lessons" conversation will take place in mid-January.

## **About The Arbor Company**

The Arbor Company is an Atlanta-based operator of more than 40 independent living, assisted living and memory care communities, serving seniors in 11 states. With nearly 30 years of dedication and experience, The Arbor Company strives to deliver the highest quality care and service to residents and their families. The company's innovative Engaged Living program creates meaningful moments through structured activity programs and spontaneous interactions, filling each day with the right balance of purpose and fun. More information about The Arbor Company is available at <a href="https://www.ArborCompany.com">www.ArborCompany.com</a>

## **About Teaneck Public Schools**

First in the country to voluntarily integrate its schools, our school district provides a wide array of programs to meet the needs and learning styles of over 3500 pre-k through grade 12 students. The District's 2019-2024 Strategic Plan includes:

*New Mission*: The Teaneck Public School District educates and empowers students by providing a high quality, rigorous educational experience which prepares students for success within a diverse, global society.

New Vision: The Teaneck Advantage: Educational Excellence for All.

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