



TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS

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To our Toms River Regional Schools staff, parents, and families:

During the months of April and May, we have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate so many of the people who make the Toms River Regional School District such a special place. These months include appreciation days and weeks for our secretaries, bus drivers, bus aides, paraprofessionals, nurses, teachers, guidance counselors, administrators, business office staff, maintenance and vehicle maintenance teams, grounds crews, security, custodial staff, food services employees, Child Study Team members, related services professionals, and so many others who support our schools each and every day.

But the truth is, appreciation for this staff cannot be limited to a single day, a single week, or even a single month.

In Toms River Regional Schools, we serve and support nearly 15,000 students across our community. That responsibility is both enormous and deeply meaningful. It requires the commitment, compassion, professionalism, and heart of nearly 2,500 full- and part-time employees who show up every day ready to go “**All In**” for our students, our families, our colleagues, and our schools.

As superintendent, I am filled with pride and emotion when I think about the people who make up this district. I see a work family that supports one another, lifts each other up, and keeps moving forward together even when — *especially* when — the work is challenging. I see people who understand that education is about far more than academics alone. It is about relationships. It is about trust. It is about safety, belonging, encouragement, opportunity, and hope.

Every role in our district matters. Every person contributes to the success of our students. From the first greeting a child receives in the morning, to the safe ride to and from school, to the clean and welcoming buildings, to the meals served, to the lessons taught, to the guidance offered, to the care provided, to the countless behind-the-scenes efforts that keep our district running, each act of service becomes part of something much larger.

That larger purpose is our mission: to educate, support, and prepare students for their future.

What makes Toms River Regional Schools so powerful is not just the work we do, but the way we do it. We do it together. We do it as a community. We do it with pride in our schools and with a shared belief that every child deserves people in their corner who care deeply about their growth and success.

The bonds among colleagues in our district are special. They are built in classrooms, offices, hallways, cafeterias, buses, fields, maintenance shops, nurses’ offices, counseling spaces, and every corner of our



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schools. They are built through long days, shared challenges, small victories, and the understanding that we are all connected by the same purpose.

To every staff member in Toms River Regional Schools: thank you.

Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your professionalism. Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for the pride you take in your work. Thank you for supporting one another. Most of all, thank you for the difference you make in the lives of our students.

Our students thrive because of you. Our schools are stronger because of you. Our community is better because of you.

With sincere appreciation and great pride,

Michael Citta
Superintendent of Schools