



# TOMS RIVER REGIONAL SCHOOLS

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

It's with great enthusiasm that I welcome you all to the 2023-2024 school year here at Toms River Regional Schools! These summers somehow seem to get faster and faster each year, but they never cease to ultimately lead to a sense of great anticipation for opening our doors to students once again.

And although the summer weather, lifestyle, and freedom is never easy to leave behind, I do hope that our students and staff share some of that excitement and anticipation to get back into our buildings, reunite with friends and colleagues, and embrace the journey of another academic year.

It's walking through those doors, in fact, that proves to be the most essential element of every school day, something backed by data but known inherently to all educators. Which is why our overriding theme for this year is "Showing up for Success." We're stressing the importance of simply *being here*—in school, each and every day, ready to learn—because "every moment counts, and every student matters."

Education is not a one-way street; it requires us to meet one another halfway. Since I became superintendent, and with the unyielding support of this community and our greater Toms River families, my team and I have worked to enhance our infrastructure, establish a positive and welcoming culture and environment at each building, and equip our staff with the resources they need. When students, for their part, are here each and every day to take advantage of what this district has to offer, the results are nothing short of miraculous.

Every moment does indeed count, and has the potential to resonate, to become an "ah ha!" moment. Better yet, the feeling of accomplishment from stacking up those moments over the course of a school year is beyond gratifying.

I'm confident the 2023-2024 school year is going to be one of the most well-attended in this district's long and storied history, and will be the foundation for the "Showing up for Success" mantra being embedded in our culture moving forward. And it all starts with Day 1.

Our doors are open. Success awaits.

Sincerely,

Michael Citta  
Superintendent of Schools