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Dear Oceanport and Sea Bright Families,

It is with excitement and anticipation that I write this letter to introduce myself as your new Superintendent of Schools. As the educational leader, I look forward to continuing the strong programs and initiatives as well as growing the Oceanport School District further to provide your children with nothing less than an exceptional schooling experience.

I come to serve the Oceanport Schools with twenty-seven years of public school experience in both the classroom as well as multiple administrative positions, most recently as the Director of Curriculum for the Keyport Public School District. I earned my undergraduate degree at The College of New Jersey, Masters at New Jersey City University, and my Doctorate at Rowan University. I look forward to taking what I've learned through both my professional experiences and educational pursuits to provide vision and deliverable outcomes as the Educational Leader of the Oceanport School District.

To say the least, it has been a challenging year for everyone, and I am prepared to navigate the Oceanport School District through the remainder of this crisis as we return to a sense of normalcy in our schools and lives to emerge better than ever. In considering this, one of my immediate priorities has included working closely with Mrs. Facendo so that a seamless transition of leadership could occur to provide consistency and stability for our school district and its families. Another immediate priority will be to continue the dedicated efforts of the district to extend our school day. I have already scheduled a meeting for the Reopening Committee to share the latest metrics with regard to COVID-19 and discuss ways to extend our in school face-to-face learning time. While all decision-making will prioritize student and staff safety, we as a school district recognize the importance that increased face-to-face learning has upon stamina, engagement, and social and emotional health. Additionally, concluding the 20-21 school year on a positive and hopeful note will set the stage for a strong and successful start to the 2021-2022 school year in September.

I pride myself on my communication skills as well as a democratic approach to leadership. In order to lead and serve the community to its fullest, I need to understand the perspectives and current priorities of the community. In order to gather this, I ask that you take a few moments to



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complete the community member survey found [here](#). I encourage you to share with me your thoughtful feedback as it will provide me with an initial understanding of the community.

Transparency about decision-making is an important piece of district leadership. While it is not possible to please all stakeholders with each decision, understanding the process and articulating the outcome can be very helpful in maintaining a relationship of trust and integrity. Open-lines of communication go both ways, and I look forward to both disseminating information as well as hearing input. Towards that endeavor, I will be providing many opportunities for parent and community voice in our decision-making processes. In particular, one of my goals for the 2021-2022 school year will be to lead a Strategic Planning Committee with a variety of stakeholders. If interested in potentially servicing on this committee, please indicate such in the survey.

In closing, I am truly looking forward to engaging with the Oceanport and Sea Bright communities to achieve our mutual goal in providing the best educational experience for our children.

With Appreciation,

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