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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I trust that this summer has provided you with a chance for renewal and enabled you to enjoy valuable moments with yourself, your family, and those dear to you. As we prepare to usher in the 2023-2024 academic year, our district eagerly looks forward to fresh energy, infinite opportunities, and limitless potential.

In the spirit of looking forward to a year full of optimism and potential, let us draw inspiration from the words of a gifted author, Sarah Dessen, a highly acclaimed young adult fiction writer who once eloquently said, "New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings." Let this quote inspire us to welcome whatever changes and challenges are ahead of us for the 2023-2024 school year. As we venture into this new school year, we should remember that every conclusion promises a fresh and hopeful start.

The district has been actively preparing for the upkeep of our facilities, buildings, and grounds, curriculum development, staff professional support, and QSAC monitoring. Regarding our curriculum, we will continue to focus on the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards while progressively broadening its application into additional areas like Computer Science and Career Readiness, Life Literacies Practices, and Key Skills.

The East Rutherford School District will provide intervention and support services for our students to address academic deficiencies and strengthen their literacy, mathematics, and science skills. Math and English Language Arts Tutoring will be offered through our After School Academic Intervention Program from October 2023 through June 2024. Notifications will be sent to parents and guardians of students who qualify for this program.

Regarding support services, the district will continue to expand its mental health and behavioral support services for the 2023-2024 school year. We encourage parents/guardians to take advantage of these services as we look forward to partnering with our stakeholders in this effort, which will positively impact student performance in every content area and their overall academic growth and development.

Courtesy busing will be available, and over the next few days, you will receive crucial parental communication regarding your child(ren) school busing eligibility status, technology acceptable-use form, medical update forms, and free/reduced lunch applications. The building principals will send out communication next week, which will entail information regarding students' schedules, lunches, drop-off and pickup times, entrances and exits, required supplies, and other pertinent building procedures that parents/guardians and students need to be aware of before the start of the school year.

As we look towards opening schools for the 2023-2024 school year, we always appreciate the ongoing support of the East Rutherford School District School Community and respect the professional partnership that continues to prioritize the educational, social, and emotional needs of our Wildcats!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools