



EAST RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this summer has offered you a chance to recharge and enjoy special moments with your loved ones. As we prepare to welcome the 2024-2025 school year, I'm excited about the fresh energy and endless possibilities that lie ahead.

This year, we have much to celebrate and even more to look forward to. I am proud to share that our district has successfully passed the QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum) monitoring, reaffirming our status as a high-performing district. This accomplishment is a testament to our commitment to providing an exceptional education to all our students.

Additionally, we are thrilled to be working on bringing universal (free) preschool to our community through the Preschool Expansion Aid (PEA) initiative. This effort underscores our dedication to ensuring that every child in our district has access to a strong educational foundation from the very beginning.

I am also pleased to inform you that we have met our targets for the Local District Special Education Data Profiles as set by the New Jersey Department of Education. This achievement highlights our ongoing efforts to provide high-quality, inclusive education for all students.

As we embark on this new school year, I am reminded of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: *"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."* Let this quote inspire us as we face the changes and challenges ahead, knowing that every ending brings a fresh and hopeful start.

Our district has been diligently preparing in many areas, including facility upkeep, curriculum development, staff professional support, and ensuring alignment with the revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards. We remain committed to expanding our curriculum to include additional areas such as Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, Computer Science, Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills.

Intervention and support services will continue to be a cornerstone of our educational approach. We are offering Math and English Language Arts tutoring through our After School Academic Intervention Program, running from October 2024 through June 2025. Notifications will be sent to parents/guardians of students who qualify.

In addition, we are expanding our mental health and behavioral support services this year. We encourage you to take advantage of these resources, as they play a crucial role in supporting your child's overall academic growth and development.

Over the next few days, you will receive important information regarding school busing eligibility, technology use policies, medical updates, and free/reduced lunch applications. Building principals will be sending communication next week with details on student schedules, lunches, drop-off and pick-up times, required supplies, and other essential procedures to help you prepare for the start of the school year.

As we look forward to the 2024-2025 school year, we deeply appreciate the ongoing support from our East Rutherford School District community. Together, we will continue to prioritize the educational, social, and emotional needs of our Wildcats.

Sincerely,

Giovanni A. Giancaspro

Superintendent of Schools