



Franklin Township Public Schools

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Dear Franklin School Community,

As we enter the final few days of school I want to take this opportunity to thank every member of our learning community for your hard work and dedication to our students this past school year. The pandemic has challenged us all and forced us to change our normal routines and connect in ways never before imagined.

First, I want to thank our families, especially our parents and guardians, who were asked to take on additional responsibilities with regard to the teaching and learning process -- and they did so in a big way. Our families spent countless hours connecting with teachers, helping with lessons, and monitoring homework. Many did this while juggling work responsibilities and managing their home. Our school-to-home partnership has never been stronger, and for that I thank each family member who continues to contribute to the success of our students during these unconventional times.

I would also like to thank our students. Our students were asked to shoulder more of the responsibilities for learning and, unfortunately, due to social distancing and other pandemic rules, could not be afforded the same opportunities that are typical in a traditional year. Our students have handled the responsibility well and in many cases their collective voice has helped guide us along the way.

Next, I wish to thank our administrators, faculty and staff who worked together to plan around the many obstacles presented by Covid-19, affording our students the best learning environment possible given the circumstances. Since March of 2020, our schools have been constantly in a state of flux. Our administrators were asked to constantly update building protocols to meet the latest health department guidance, and our faculty and staff were constantly changing and adjusting pedagogy to align with the ever-changing rules. Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic the one thing that remained evident was the strong focus on the health, welfare and education of the students enrolled in the Franklin Township Public Schools.

A special thanks to our amazing Franklin Public School District nurses, who have kept us safe and informed; to our amazing Franklin Township Food Service Team, which has kept our community fed; and to our wonderful maintenance and custodial team, which has kept our school environment healthy. These folks have gone above and beyond!

Thank you to our Franklin Township Mayor and Council, the Franklin Township Manager, the Franklin Township Police Director, the Somerset County Public Officials, and all of the governmental agencies that continue to support our schools.

Finally, thank you to the Franklin Township School Board members who helped to shape pandemic response policy and continue to provide the resources necessary to keep us moving forward.

As we close out the 2020-2021 school year and look back we realize we have learned a lot about ourselves, about how technology can augment and enhance learning, about the importance of relationships, what it means to be flexible and, most importantly, the power of coming together as a community. During the last several months we have all come together to meet the challenges of this pandemic head on and I cannot think of a better example of what it means to be “Warrior Strong.” Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to returning to a more traditional school year in September 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John A. Ravally". The signature is stylized and overlaps with the printed name below it.

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