



Franklin Township Public Schools

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Dear Franklin Township School Community:

On behalf of the Franklin Township Public School Staff, I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting school year on September 7, 2022! During the summer months, faculty and staff prepared for the many positive changes that are being implemented this year as we return to what we hope will be a more traditional school year.

As Superintendent of Schools, I am optimistic and enthusiastic about the new school year. This year we will focus efforts on pushing student growth to pre-pandemic levels by implementing exciting new technology programs, lots of new curricula, and exciting new programming. In addition, we plan to provide lots of opportunities for enrichment through unique supplemental learning experiences. You are sure to gain more information on our new initiatives in coming weeks as you hear directly from our building principals.

Safety and security remains a top priority in the Franklin Township Public Schools. In 2018 after the tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida, the Franklin Township Board of Education engaged Shield 32, a security audit company, and authorized it to conduct a comprehensive safety and security audit for the district. The more than 30-page report contained a number of recommendations in the areas of planning, emergency drill procedures, equipment, emergency response, physical facilities, staffing, cyber security and school climate. Although the contents of the report are confidential for security reasons, I would like to take this opportunity to once again inform you that the Franklin Township School Board of Education has over the past couple of years made a number of security improvements aligned with these recommendations. Additionally, district administrators, working with the Franklin Township Police Department during the late spring and early summer, reviewed safety protocols and made further adjustments following the Uvalde, Texas incident. With regard to pandemic protocols, the district administration working along with its team of medical professionals and the district's Safe Return Committee have recommended adjustments to the pandemic protocols that align to the latest CDC guidance. The latest guidance affords school districts a return to more traditional school procedures while staying mindful of the ever present challenges related to the pandemic. A presentation titled, "[Ready, Set, Here We Go](#)" explaining the protocols can be found on the district website.

At its August 2, 2022 Special Workshop meeting, the Board of Education set its new goals for the 2022-2023 school year. The goals will help push our district further towards success. This year's goals concentrate our efforts on health and safety; equity; academic achievement and rigorous programming; staffing; sustainability and green initiatives; and community engagement. Please check out our new website to stay up to date on school district happenings during the 2022-2023 school year.

I hope you and your family are enjoying your summer and I wish you all the very best during the 2022-2023 school year. Please take a moment next week to log into the [Genesis Parent Portal](#) which opens on Monday, August 29th. There you will be able to complete all of your "start of school forms" and gain access to your child's bus pass, homeroom assignment and schedule. We look forward to welcoming you all back on September 7, 2022 our first day of the new school year!

Sincerely,

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