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Dear NJ-SP School Community:

The 2019-2020 School Year is here. There is much excitement about the new school year and the opportunities that come with the commencement of a new year. I am proud of the qualities, characteristics, and programs our staff and schools demonstrate and offer.

Who We Are. We have dedicated, hard-working educators who know our students and community. Our teachers know there are many, many ways to define student success—and it is not by a test alone.

What We Do. We teach the whole student. We accommodate for students' individual needs. We teach, counsel, motivate, and guide those students who need extra support. We do whatever it takes to help each student find success.

Where We Go. We are moving forward in preparing our students for life, career, or college. Moving forward is no easy task for schools today; with all the mandates and requirements, it is very easy to take a step forward and many back. I believe the progress we have made is due to our planning, preparation, and decision-making that is grounded in reality. We don't jump on bandwagons or join the flavor-of-the-month club in order to get to finish lines faster than others. Strategic, methodical planning has paid dividends for us.

This year we are working, planning, and making decisions around a theme of "**Keep it Simple—Get it Right**". We are going to limit or streamline assessments so teachers spend the most of their time doing what they do best—Teach. Last spring, we simplified our curriculum maps to make them easy to read, review, and revise. We will simplify the analysis of data. We will analyze the data that gives us the best information about our students. Our BCT and PD sessions will be thoroughly planned out in order to get maximum use of our time. Finally, we are simplifying technology by placing more devices in our classrooms so teachers can use digital tools when appropriate and not when a cart can be reserved or scheduled.

We expect great things this school year and ask for your continued support. Go Bluejays!