



WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear WTPS Community:

I hope that you and your families are having a wonderful and rejuvenating summer. With the 2024-2025 school year approaching, I wanted to remind the WTPS families that summer assignments are available online (optional and in some cases, required), and grade level/course supply lists for the 2024-2025 school year are available on our website as well.

Wall Township Public Schools administration, staff, and faculty have been very busy this summer preparing for our upcoming school year. This summer, we continued to move forward with some key improvements/upgrades to our facilities, largely funded by the December 2022 Referendum. Again, thank you to the residents of Wall Township for valuing and supporting the much-needed investment in our schools. To view photos of District-wide building upgrades and projected timelines, please visit the "Referendum" tab on our website (www.wallpublicschools.org)

Once again, WTPS has some exciting curricular endeavors on the horizon. In English/Language Arts (ELA), the implementation of the science of reading methodologies will officially launch in grades 3-5 (K-2 implementation took place during 2023-2024). This year, mathematics will be a major focus as we begin a multi-year, K-12 study. We plan to collaboratively research and engage with new resource materials so we can implement the very best practices for our students. Next school year marks the second year of the implementation of the District-wide *7 Mindsets* program. This year we will build upon last year's foundational work through more student-initiated experiences as well as increased community engagement.

Wall High School opens with a new master schedule (same arrival and dismissal times) to optimize instructional time for all students. Also, Wall High School will launch a new dual enrollment partnership with Stockton University so our students can earn college credit for classes taken at WHS. Our Special Services Department has been hard at work preparing for our new *RISE* program at WHS to address specialized educational needs for high school students requiring a small and restorative setting. Special Services and WHS are also excited to offer a *Unified Physical Education* class to further develop *Unified Sports* activities and inclusivity.

Reminder: Follow us on your preferred social media platform for important updates (including *Hot Off the Press* Snow Day announcements!), community and family programming, and District-wide school news (visit wallpublicschools.org for details).



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We at WTPS look forward to welcoming our students on Wednesday, September 4. I hope the remaining weeks of summer will be filled with lasting memories, lots of laughter, and great health.

Sincerely,

Tracy R. Handerhan, D.Litt.

Wall Township Public Schools Superintendent

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