



December 20, 2024

Dear Wall Township Public Schools Community:

I am not sure how it is possible that we are approaching the end of 2024—but here we are! As we approach the holidays, I want to wish you a warm, happy, and healthy season with your families and friends. As I have shared in the past, for me, this time of year serves as a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our current year, 2024.

First and foremost, once again, I want to thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to our schools. I have witnessed so much collaboration between parents and guardians, staff, local businesses, and community members donating their time, efforts, and resources to enhance our students' experiences inside and outside the classroom. My perspective is fairly unique in that I am able to see—firsthand—the impact of your kindness and generosity. On behalf of WTPS, thank you.

So far, the 2024-2025 school year is serving as a backdrop for many positive transformations throughout our schools. The high school has implemented changes, including a redesigned master schedule and the innovative RISE program, which provides specialized support for students who benefit from more intimate learning environments. Elementary education continues to evolve with brain-based reading instruction methodologies. Our district-wide, K-12 mathematics research initiative is well underway, and new instructional resources and inquiry-based learning approaches are being explored. Year two of the ongoing implementation of the 7 Mindsets program has fostered increased community engagement, with students actively driving meaningful experiences that build on last year's foundations. There is so much more to come as we enter the New Year!

As 2024 comes to a close and we look forward to 2025, I wish to recap some of the capital improvements made throughout the year. Over the summer, Old Mill School underwent ceiling tile asbestos abatement, and we received all clearances. In addition, Old Mill School also had the ceiling grid and lighting upgrade project as well as the roofing project. The paving projects at Wall Primary School and West Belmar were completed. Restroom renovations are in the finishing touch phase at Wall Primary School, West Belmar, and Wall High School. These are just some highlights; please see our [Referendum](#) page to view the full scope of all the exciting projects. Also on the Referendum page, you can find information about what is slated for 2025—an auditorium project at the High School, renovations to technology and art classrooms at the Intermediate School and High School, HVAC upgrades at Allenwood, Central, and West Belmar, and the athletic field upgrades at the High School—just to name a few! Many thanks to the voters who made these projects possible.

With all of the changes to our curricula and facilities, I wish to recognize the hard work of our staff. Plans are great, but without execution, plans are just plans. Thank you to the WTPS family for making all of these changes and improvements a reality for our students.

On behalf of the entire school district, I hope you all have a joyful and peaceful holiday season filled with abundant laughter, much love, and great health. Here's to 2025!

Sincerely,
Tracy R. Handerhan
Superintendent of Schools

P.S. Please remember that notifications regarding "snow days" and other weather-related schedule changes are shared via the district website, mass communication, and social media. I encourage you to follow our social media channels for the quickest updates!!

