

WEST MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year. We recently received our April 2019 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (formerly PARCC) scores and are happy to report significant gains in both math and English language arts. A deeper look at our increasing academic achievement will be presented at your child's Back to School Night as well as at future Board of Education meetings.

The bleachers at McCormack Field are complete and the fieldhouse is nearing completion. Macopin and the High School have new gym floors and the transportation parking lot has been paved as well. In the spring, the Board of Education collaboratively developed and approved four (4) District goals for the upcoming school year:

- 1. Increase academic performance, challenge, and rigor for all learners through targeted interventions, carefully selected learning goals and course placements, enhanced collaborative teaching dynamics, and a differentiated classroom experience.
- Increase student mathematics achievement at every level through enhanced teacher pedagogy, thoughtful implementation of 21st-Century learning tools, specific data analysis, and a careful program review and replacement strategy.
- 3. Continue to improve and increase student writing across the curriculum through elevated expectations, teacher and administrative training, and student supports.
- Explore all opportunities and District-wide efficiencies in order to maximize funding for District programs.

All the information you need for your child this year can be found on our website or the parent portal. You can log on to www.wmtps.org to find this information. Student schedules and bus passes will be made available on the parent portal on Wednesday, August 21; please print your child's bus pass for the first day of school. If you have any bus pass questions, contact the Transportation Department at 973-697-0777. All students will report to their assigned schools on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at their scheduled time

I hope you enjoy the balance of summer with your families and loved ones. Go Highlanders!

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