



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of the Ewing School Community,

I wanted to take a moment to welcome you back for the 2017-18 school year. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer and had the opportunity to relax and spend time with loved ones.

As you know from my summer correspondence, administratively speaking at least, we have a lot of new faces in new places this year. We will be opening the school year with new principals in three of our five schools, a bit unusual for our district, where we typically have had administrative consistency.

But as I mentioned in that letter, I am excited and enthusiastic about the start of the school year, as I believe we have excellent administrative teams in all of our schools, and are set up for an outstanding school year for our students as we seek to promote achievement in academics, the arts and athletics.

For both our students and staff, the new year brings with it fresh challenges and goals, and we are excited about opening our doors to our students and beginning our efforts to make this school year successful in its own way. As we begin this school year, my main goal is for each and every student to have a positive and rewarding learning experience in a safe and supportive educational environment.

At our August meeting last night, the Board of Education approved its annual goals. They are available on our website under the Board of Education tab, and will now become the focus of the work of the Educational Leadership Team.

You will hear a lot this year about culture and mindfulness. At Ewing, we have always been focused on the whole child, and we have embraced our mission emphasized in our Board of Education credo-to provide a solid and strong foundation for life for our students. One of our goals this year is to truly work to promote the social-emotional health of our students, and work to ensure that they are learning in an open, supportive and accepting culture, even though the world in which we live appears to be becoming increasingly divisive and volatile.

One of the best things about being in education is the opportunity to see children do great things in the classroom, the arts or the athletic arena. Our school calendar is filled with events which showcase our students' abilities in academics, the arts and athletics. Please look for an opportunity to come out and support our outstanding students.

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It is important to us that we are connected to our school community and there is a bridge between our classrooms and the home. Please join us for our 'Back to School Nights' and get to know our staff and programs. Also take advantage of many of the technological tools that exist to provide you with valuable information about our schools and your child's progress. Check our website frequently and follow us on Twitter and share our YouTube channel with your family and friends. As educators, it is our goal to be accessible and available to the community we serve.

In closing, when I talk to our students, I frequently remind them that if they take pride in their school, then their school will be a place of which to be proud. During these current times, this is certainly something to remember. To our parents, we need your support to be successful; please stay involved and connected to the schools. Finally, to our students, work hard, be respectful and approach your studies with enthusiasm.

Have a great year!

Michael Nitti
Superintendent of Schools