



# Orange Township Public Schools

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Dear Orange Parents, Guardians, Caregivers, Educators, and Community Stakeholders,

I am excited to begin my twentieth year in education as Superintendent of the Orange Township Public Schools. When I interviewed for Superintendent of Schools with the Board of Education and subsequently met staff, students, families, and community stakeholders at the Meet and Greet, I felt the positive spirit of the community. I knew that this would be an ideal place to begin the next phase of my career. The district is enriched with great educators who understand that the education of each child is paramount to the vision and mission of the district. I am convinced that together we will bring this district from “Good to Great.”

As we enter into the 2019-2020 school year, we are charged with the following: continuous growth and achievement for all students. The commitment of our school system is to equip every Orange Township Public School student with the competence and confidence to shape his/her own life, participate productively in our community, and act in an informed manner in a culturally diverse global society. Our District Leadership Team has begun to craft an instructional focus, which is predicated on data from a variety of sources that will serve as a roadmap for making the Orange Township Public School District a benchmark of excellence among school districts in New Jersey. The roadmap is built on four foundations, or Four Pillars, namely:

- Maintaining a culture of high expectations and accountability
- Ensuring that all students master the academic standards
- Working collaboratively and basing decisions on fact, not opinion
- Building strong partnerships with families and community

The Orange community has consistently demonstrated its commitment to our schools and students. That commitment and dedication of our staff fuels our journey toward producing students who experience **continuous academic growth**, embody **academic tenacity**, and model **socio-emotional resiliency**. Our district is a place **where children matter first and foremost**. With an intense, rigorous **Instructional Focus**, the Orange Township Public School District will continue our collective journey to turn our good intentions into strong results for all students and ensuring our district moves from “Good to Great.”

In closing, I will be remiss if I did not implore our parent partners to work alongside the school district to ensure that we provide the best academic and positive situations for our children. We welcome your feedback and look forward to your support throughout the school year.

Educationally yours,

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