



Orange Township Public Schools

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Good Day Orange Township Public School District Community,

SY 2022-2023 is ending for many of us today. As I sit here trying to find the perfect words to culminate this year, my thoughts are full of excitement and reflection. The adjectives that come to my mind are as follows: accomplished, exhausted, triumphant, and proud. WE did it. All of us together. I am so proud that we came together as a community to ensure that our students were the focus. We worked in tandem to provide optimal experiences for the children that we service.

Now that we have reached the end of another successful year, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a truly wonderful summer. This is a time to relax, rejuvenate, and create lasting memories with your loved ones.

To our exceptional students, I want to applaud your hard work, determination, and resilience throughout the year. You have shown remarkable progress and have consistently risen to new challenges. Your thirst for knowledge and passion for learning have been truly inspiring. As you embark on this well-deserved break, I encourage you to explore new horizons, pursue your passions, and embrace opportunities for personal growth.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated educators, administrators, and support staff who have worked tirelessly to provide an enriching and safe learning environment. Your unwavering dedication to our students and commitment to excellence have made the Orange Public School District a shining beacon of educational success. Your well-deserved break is a chance to recharge, reflect, and prepare for the exciting challenges that lie ahead.

To the families who have been unwavering pillars of support, thank you for your continuous involvement in your child's education. Your commitment to their success and well-being has played an invaluable role in our shared achievements. As the summer unfolds, I hope you have the opportunity to bond, create cherished memories, and relish the joys of family time.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to our wonderful community for its continuous support and collaboration. Your partnership has been instrumental in fostering an environment where our students can thrive, and your involvement has strengthened the bonds between our schools and the community. Together, we have created a nurturing educational ecosystem that sets the foundation for lifelong success.

As we bid farewell to this academic year, let us embrace the summer with open hearts and open minds. May the sunshine and warmth fill our days with joy, laughter, and endless possibilities. Take this opportunity to explore new interests, embark on exciting adventures, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, education is not confined to the walls of a classroom. Learning happens everywhere, and the world is your classroom. Whether you're traveling, volunteering, reading, or engaging in creative endeavors, seize the opportunity to grow, learn, and make a positive impact.

To our retirees, on behalf of the Board of Education and my administration, I would be remiss, if I did not thank you for your many years of service to the Orange Township Public School District. The dedication and love that you gave to the students as well as one another is breathtaking. Community, join me in congratulating our retirees! In addition, I would like to salute the staff members who celebrate their 25th Year of Service to the school district. Words cannot express our appreciation to each of you. Thank you for your continued support.

District Goals and the Strategic Plan Reminders

The district goals and strategic plan are the guiding force in the development of the Orange Public School District. You are encouraged to review each plan and ask questions related to development of the whole child as well as the district's partnership with families.

The following link is for the District Goals: <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/Page/30018>.

The following link is for the Strategic Plan: <https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3344>.

I remain humbled and honored to serve this wonderful community as your Superintendent. I am so proud to lead this great district. Our stakeholders have a seat at the table. From our student and parent councils to our PTO/PTA meetings, listening to your commendations as well as questions for improvement are well received and appreciated. Your continued trust in the work is refreshing.

In closing, I wish you and your family a safe, fun, and healthy summer. Please remember to check our website www.orange.k12.nj.us, under latest news and information, the Orange App, and our social media handles (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), as they will continue to be updated throughout the summer months.

School Year 2023-2024

As we close the door on the 2022-2023 school year and open the doors to summer, we are diligently working on the 2023-2024 school year. Next year, the following times by school level will take place.

School Level	Arrival Time for Students	Arrival Time for Staff	End Time for Students	End Time for Staff
Elementary Level (Including Pre-Kindergarten)	8:30 AM	8:20 AM	3:00 PM	3:10 PM
Orange High School	8:20 AM	8:05 AM	2:40 PM	2:55 PM
Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation	8:25 AM	8:20 AM	2:50 PM	2:55 PM
STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges	8:20 AM	8:15 AM	Mondays 2:20 PM for Teacher Professional Development Tues – Fri 3:30 PM	4PM* *includes stipend
Twilight Program	3:30 PM* *3:00 PM - lunch	3:00 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM

In Partnership,

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