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Dear Parents,

Though it is hard to say good bye to summer we hope you continue to enjoy time with family and friends as we shift from summer schedules to the start of an exciting new school year. As your Interim Superintendent please know what a privilege it is for me to join the Oradell community and how much I look forward to meeting all the students, parents, staff, and members of this wonderful community.

To help keep everyone informed, we share the following update from an exciting summer, along with highlights from the Board of Education meeting on August 21, 2013. Our Board of Education has done a terrific job overseeing the change of leadership to coordinate a seamless transition. This dynamic administrative team worked diligently throughout the summer to coordinate a smooth opening, along with an ambitious strategic plan for this year and beyond. Once again, Kevin Williamson and his staff have done an amazing job cleaning and maintaining the school to provide the safe, clean, and inviting atmosphere that makes our school such a beautiful place to grow and learn.

As per the following highlights, our Board of Education continues to take great pride in making sure our school is well run, supportive of a safe and nurturing learning community, and dedicated to lifelong learning and the pursuit of educational excellence.

- Enjoyed an informative presentation overview of the successful first year of our full day Kindergarten program.
- Approved the appointment of a new Sixth Grade Math Teacher and Library Media Specialist.
- Reported on the continued focus on safety and security including but not limited to; purchase and installation of additional cameras within and outside the school, submission of a front entrance security improvement project to the State of NJ to receive available grant funds to reduce the cost for local taxpayers, ongoing technology integration to enhance viewing and recording of security, and more.
- Continued the important work of revising and creating new policies and regulations with approval of first reading of over 30 policies!

- Developed and approved an impressive re-organization of our administrative team while preserving the continuity and recently implemented program improvement and initiatives.
- The finance and technology committee met on August 22, 2013 and will be reporting on several projects including but not limited to; additional safety improvements, purchasing of technology devices to support instruction, additional technology infrastructure to further enhance our wireless environment and expanded use of technology to support the 21st Century Learning within and beyond the walls of the classroom.

In closing, please know that your Board of Education and administrative team successfully carried out an amazing transition plan to have everything in place, and we can share with unconditional confidence that we are ready and looking forward to a great opening and an outstanding year! I look forward to meeting all of you and invite you to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy the final days of summer with family and friends!

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