



SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mr. Scott Hough, Superintendent of Schools

August 24, 2021

Dear Summit Public Schools Community,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope you and your families enjoyed a relaxing and safe summer. I am very excited and eager to welcome all of our students and staff back into our school buildings next week. As a reminder, the first day of school for students is Monday, August 30, 2021. Throughout the summer, our staff and administrative team have been working diligently to prepare for this upcoming school year. Below are some safety and facilities updates, as well as information about our Board of Education, policies, new staff, and more.

Facilities

The District recognizes how important it is to annually review and enhance our safety and security measures. This year, we added signage at each school building to communicate with students and staff where individuals should not be due to safety concerns (i.e. boiler rooms). Our Facilities team is currently identifying key areas for additional security cameras to be installed at each school. We will continue to collaborate with the Summit Police Department regarding safety and security drills.

Technology

Our Technology team successfully rolled out two-step authentication on all staff devices, which provides an additional layer of security in our schools. The District will be sending out a test of our emergency alert system through School Messenger to all parents/guardians and staff within the first few weeks of school. If you do not receive a test message from the District by the end of September, please email problem@summit.k12.nj.us and a member of our Technology team will address the issue.

New Staff

We are very excited to welcome more than 60 new staff members to Summit Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year! New teachers and staff attended Summit Educator Training in August which provided them with a week's worth of informative presentations from administrators, as well as an opportunity to get to know each other and meet Summit community members. In addition to new teachers and support staff, we also welcomed Ms. Crystal Marr as Director of Student Personnel Services. Please join me in congratulating all of our new team members and welcoming them to our very special school community.

Board of Education

Mr. Chris Bonner and Mr. Michael Colón are serving as Board President and Vice President for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more about the Board and its members, please visit our



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[website](#). Please note the 2021-2022 District goals will be posted on our website in mid-September, once approved by the Board.

Policies

We are required by state law to make the district's policies accessible to you on an annual basis. You can review policies at any time on our [website](#).

Communication and District Highlights

In an effort to increase accessibility, we added a language option on the bottom right of our website, which translates the website to several different languages with a click of a button. We are proud to highlight our curriculum, programs, and events, as well as share student and staff achievement to our entire school community. District highlights can be found on our website and social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)). For those who are not on social media, be on the lookout for our brand new monthly parent/guardian newsletter, *Summit Scoop!* The first issue will come out in September and will be sent out every month from our Communications Office through School Messenger.

In the past week or so, we have seen the exciting onboarding process for new teachers who are ready and eager to meet their students, staff members decorating bulletin boards outside of classrooms, and students walking through the halls of their new school during orientation. All of these events prepare us for the unbelievably exciting first day of school, where we have the pleasure of greeting our students and staff members for a fresh start to the school year. I hope you all join me in the excitement and remember that it is *always* a great day to be a Hilltopper.

Be well,

Scott Hough
Superintendent of Schools