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Dear School Partner,

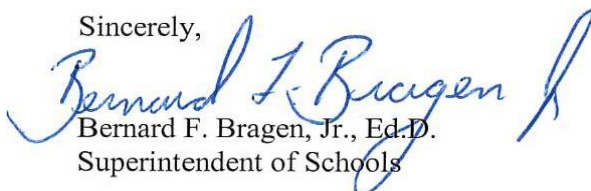
The Edison Public Schools are presently engaged in the District-Wide Middle States Accreditation process. In the past, only our two high schools, Edison High School and John P. Stevens High School participated in this process, and each high school is currently Middle States Accredited. This year, however, all of our schools will be participating, and I want to take this opportunity to share some information about the process. First, what is Middle States, and what does being accredited mean? [Here](#) is a link to the Middle States Associations Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS) website describing the process and the reasons schools select this accreditation opportunity. Please review this information at your leisure to learn more about our journey through the Middle States Accreditation.

The next logical question would be, why select the district-wide accreditation as opposed to simply keeping the high school processes in place? There are two main reasons. The first is that we desire to work with an outside agency to assess how well our schools are currently operating according to established regional educational standards and not simply our own internal metrics. We hope this will provide the district with valuable and actionable information that can be used to enhance our educational programs to best serve our school community. We also plan to utilize the provided self-study protocols to develop long-range district goals and a seven-year strategic plan. Our district currently lacks such a plan. With all the external and internal forces impacting our school system, we need a comprehensive plan to guide our future growth and to focus our efforts to best utilize community resources to meet all of our students' needs. Lastly, we want to earn the distinction of being a Middle States District-Wide Accredited school system. It is an endeavor worthy of note and will make us the only school district in Middlesex County to be so identified.

This is an exciting time for the district, and we are asking for your support in the process. If you receive a survey from your child's school or are asked to participate on a Middle States committee, please honor those requests and provide your input. The outcome of this process will only be as successful as the data we receive from our school community, and we value this information. We remain partners in your child's education and look forward to working together on this endeavor.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to learn more about the Middle States Accreditation process. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your child's principal or my office directly.

Sincerely,


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