

# Springfield 2021-2022

Superintendent's Report

September 20, 2021

#SPSCompassionate&Extraordinary

# Our Vision & Mission

## *Vision:*

Springfield Public Schools is cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners!

## *Mission:*

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences — empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.



# Report Overview

- Student Celebrations
  - Recognizing our Scholars!
  - Athletics Update
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- 2021-2022 School Year
  - Impacts from Hurricane Ida
  - Welcoming Students
- Covid 19 Updates



# Celebrating Springfield Scholars!



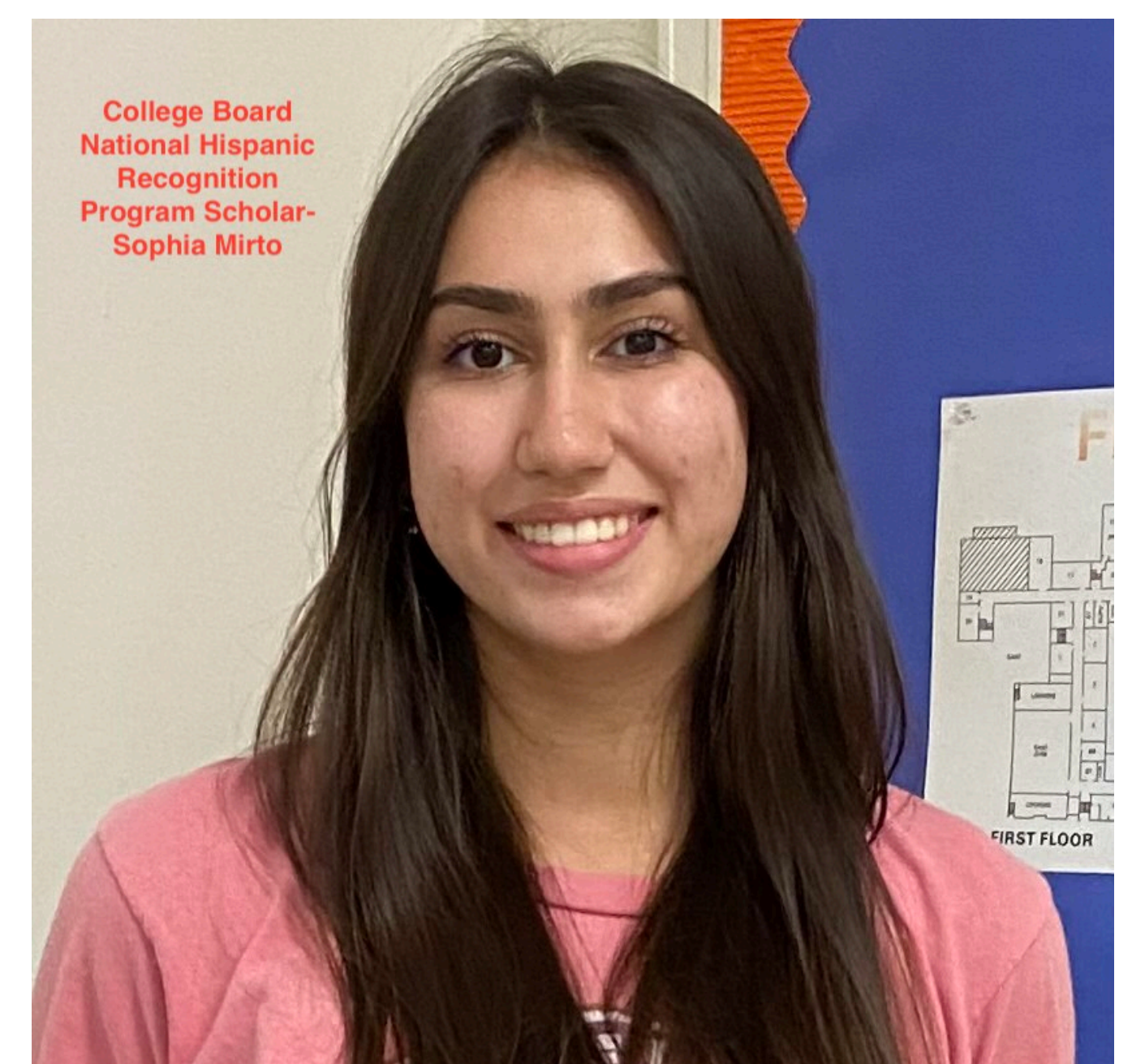
## National Hispanic Recognition Program



Diana Elguera



Kevin Lora



Sophia Mirto



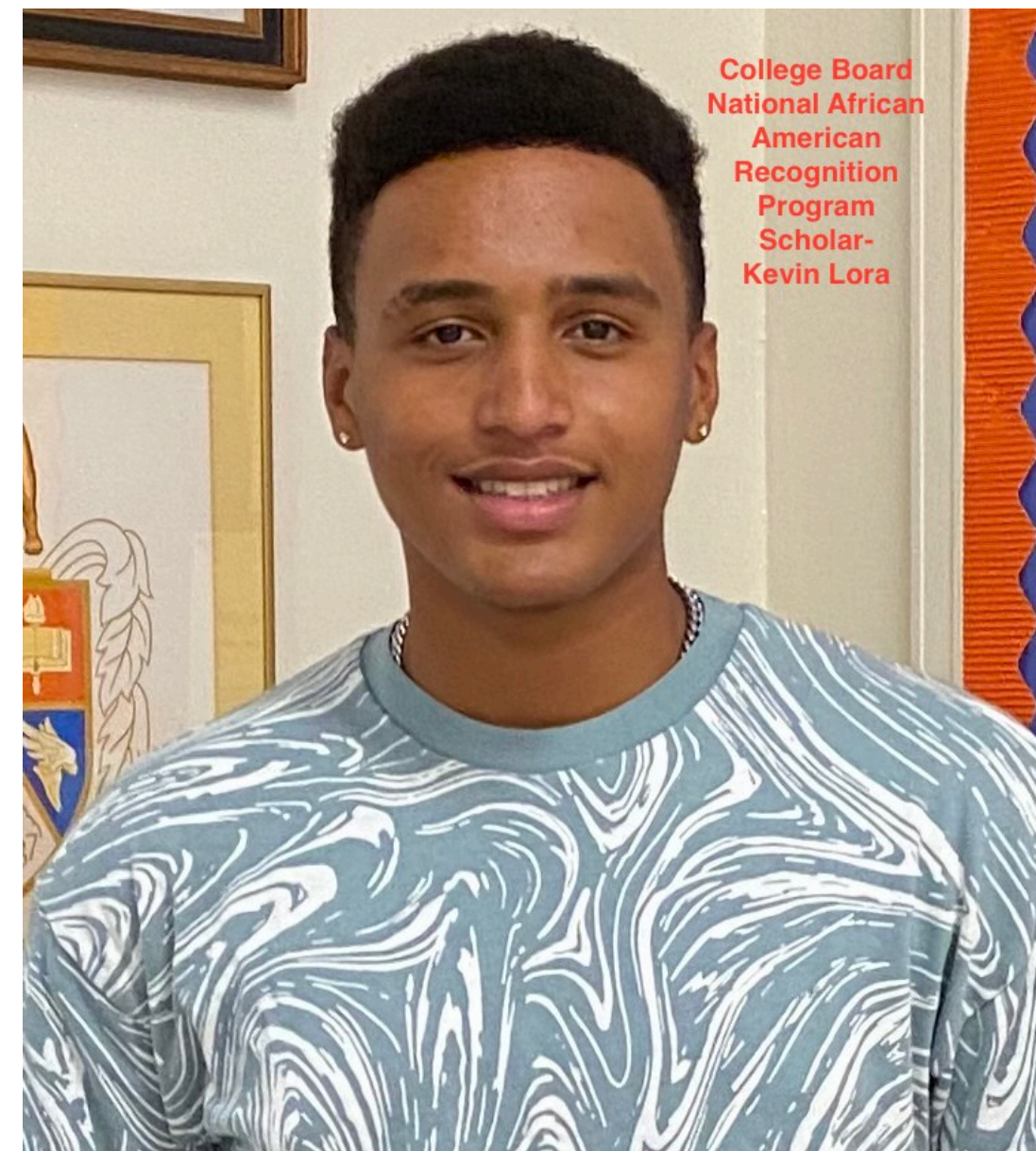
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## National African American Recognition Program



Natalyah Cadiche



Kevin Lora



Brielle Pierre Phillippe



# Celebrating Springfield Scholars!



 **CollegeBoard**

Commended Scholar

Kaya Waltzer



# Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month!





**Jonathan Dayton High School**

**Athletic Highlights**



# Athletic Update

- Football: 1-1 Record, Next game 9/24 @ Dunellen
- Girls Varsity Soccer: 3-1, Next game 9/21 @ Roselle Catholic
- Boys Varsity Soccer: 1-3-1, Next game 9/21 vs. Gov. Livingston
- Gymnastics: 0-1-1, Next competition 9/21 @ Westfield
- Girls Tennis: 3-2, (Game today!), Next meet 9/24 vs. Roselle
- Girls Volleyball: 4-1 (Game today!), Next game 9/22 @ Roselle



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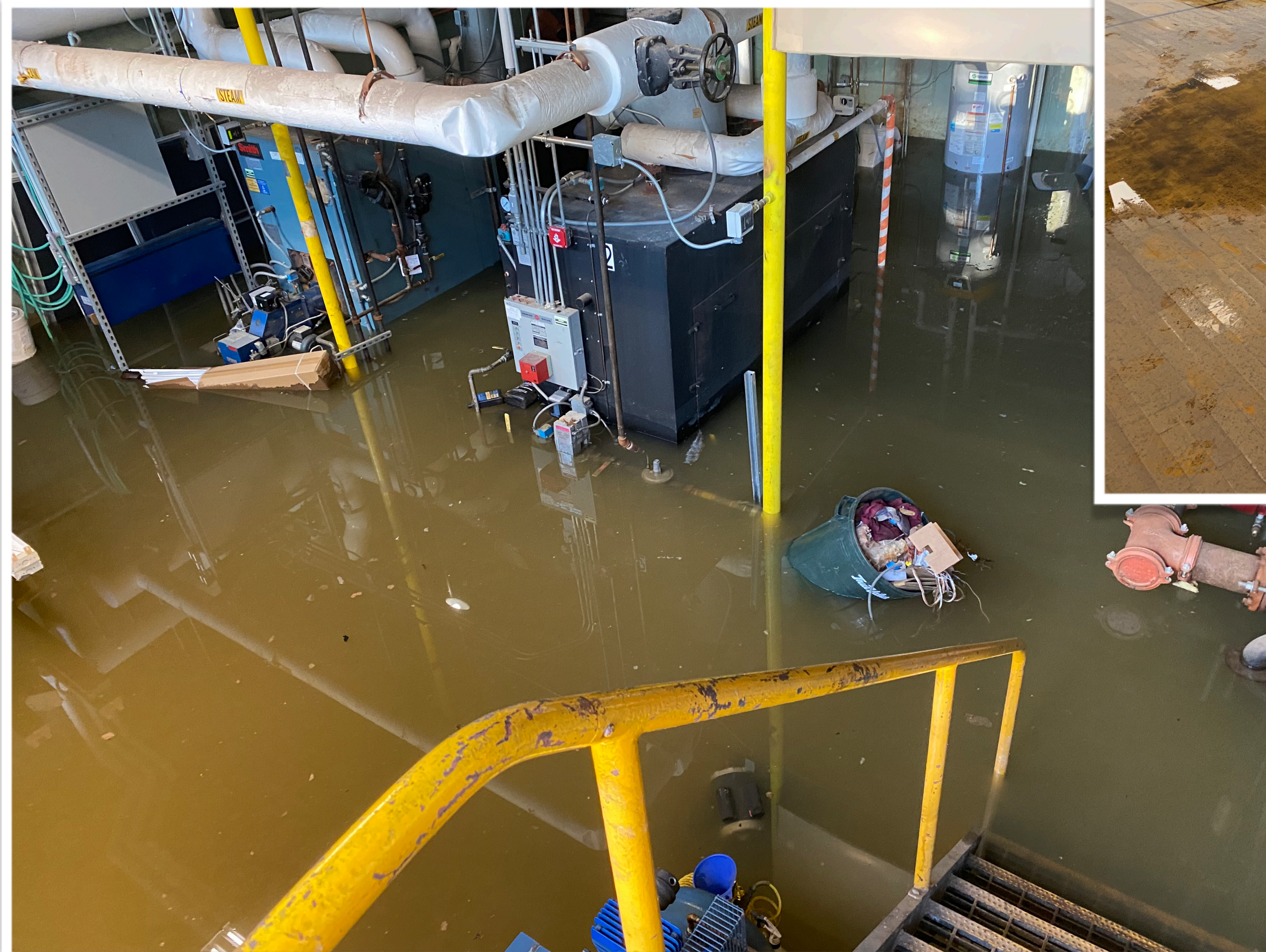


# **Hurricane Ida**



# Edward V. Walton Early Childhood Center

Thursday, September 2, 2021





# Remediation Work Underway!





# JDHS Turf Field

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## Hurricane Damage





# Gratitude

## Springfield Public Schools Facilities Staff

Theodore “Teddy” Balke  
Ali Dunlap  
Clarence Taylor  
Freddie Williams  
Mary Hinton  
Alan Vaughan  
Robert Elijah  
Felix Perez  
Ricky Boyd  
Maria Rocha



Christopher Leone  
Maria Goncalves  
Richard Grimm  
Robert Tranquilli  
Adam Wuest  
Eddie Carter  
Carmelo Gambuzza  
Francesco “Frank” Licatese

Dave Walker      Kathy Signorelli  
Matt Clarke



# **Gratitude**

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## **Township of Springfield**

Mayor Weber & Town Council  
John Bussicolo, Town Administrator  
Fire Chief Carlo Palumbo  
Police Chief John Cooke  
Sgt. Ryan Westover  
Adam Lieb  
Brendan O'Reilly

## **St. James the Apostle Church**

Father David Santos  
Nancy Caputo  
Michelle Sblendorio

# Gratitude

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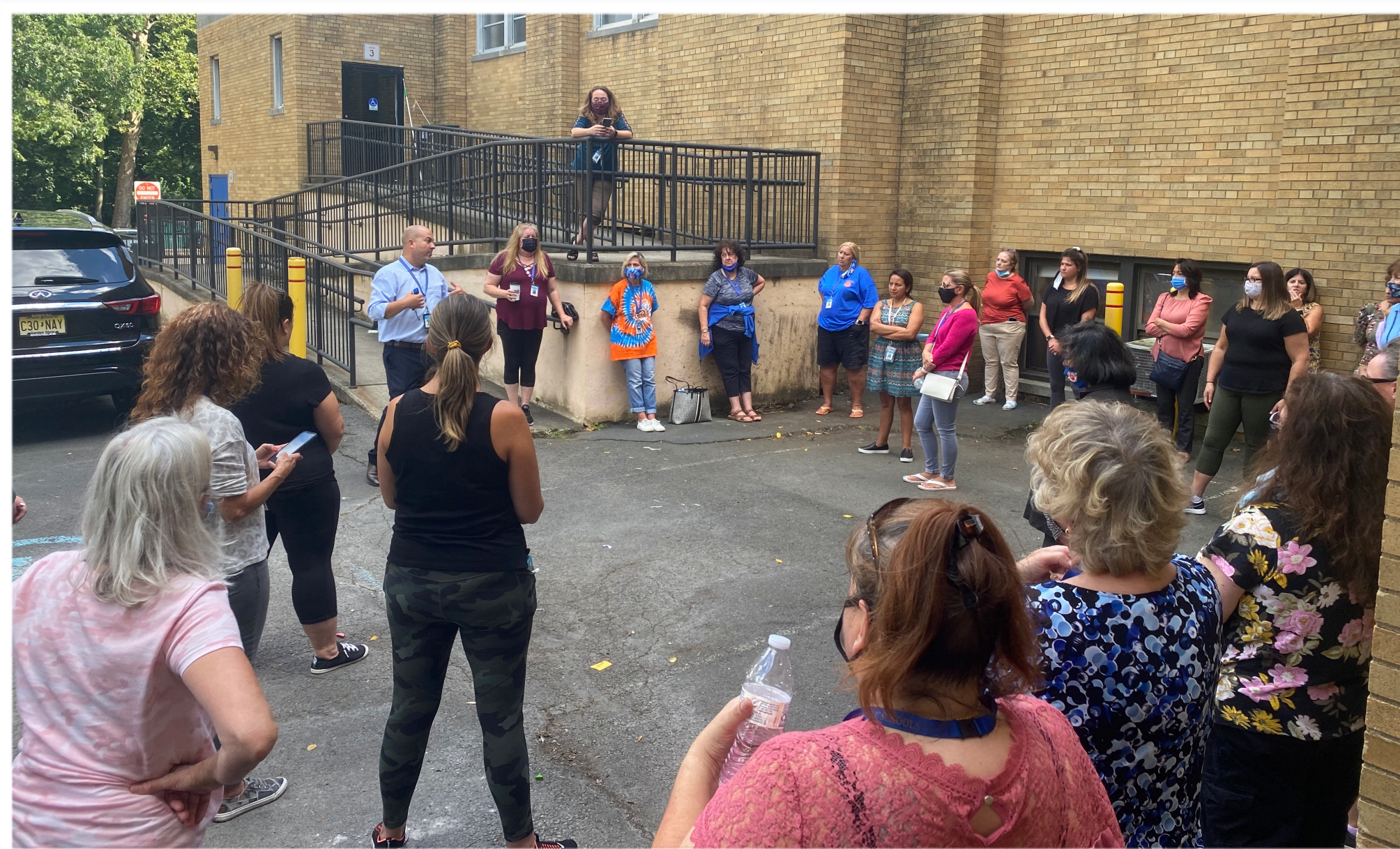
All of the staff at Walton School,  
who moved directly into virtual learning,  
packed classrooms in limited time,  
unpacking classrooms to create comfortable learning environments,  
and have continued to smile through the difficult two weeks.

All of the staff at Sandmeier, Caldwell, and FMG  
who have relocated classrooms, changed plans, share spaces,  
and welcomed Walton students and staff.

All of the parents and community members  
who were patient during another tumultuous beginning of the year,  
who were empathetic to the challenges of this tremendous task,  
who shared their support of our teachers and leaders.

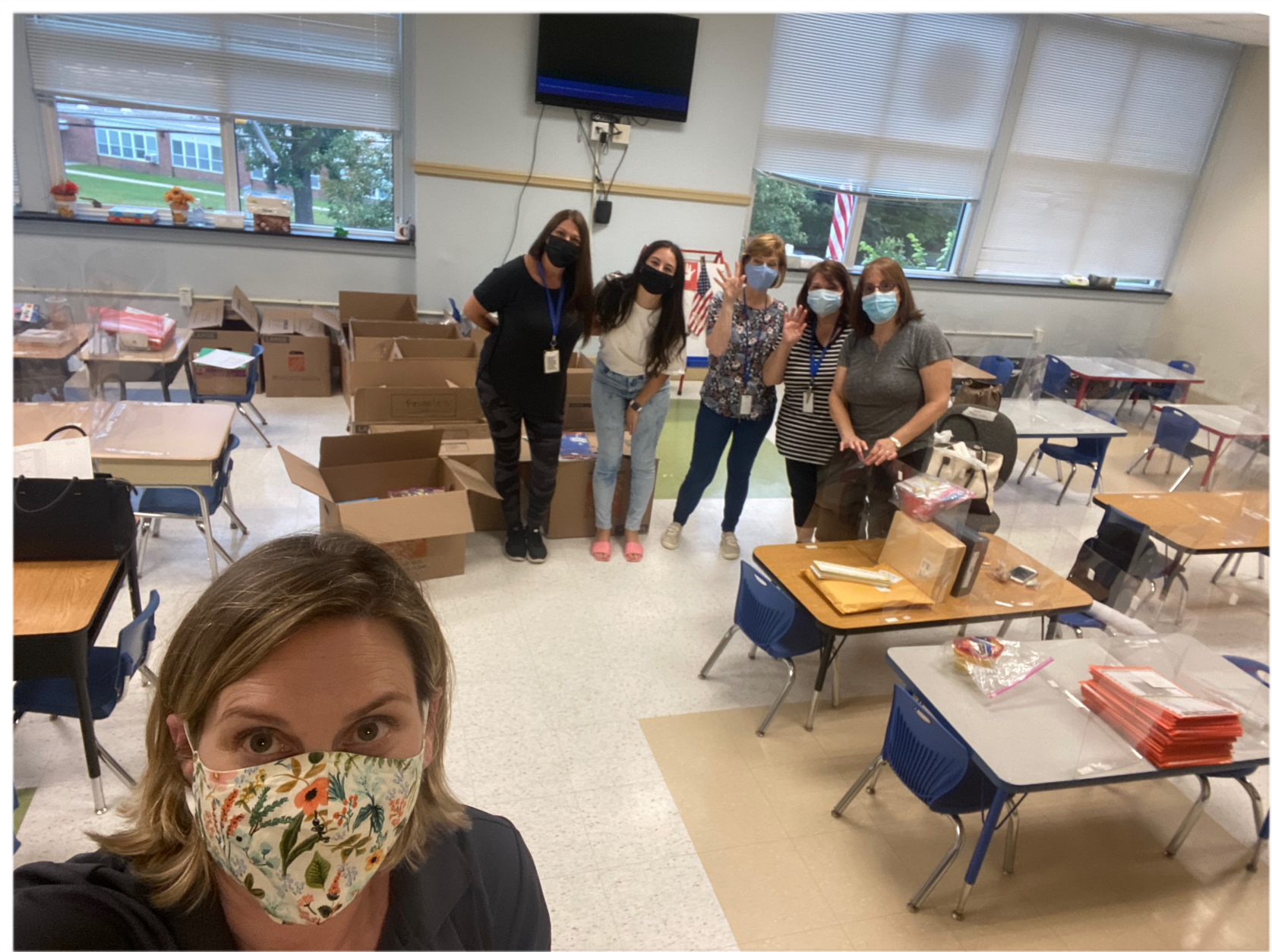


# Moving Into New Classrooms!





# Chisholm Community Center





# Sandmeier & FMG





**Welcome Back!**



# Our Youngest Learners!





# **2021-2022**

## **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan**



# 2021-2022 Overview

- Our primary, overarching goal is to provide consistent learning experiences in a healthy and safe environment.
- The district is responsible for the health and safety of the 2,600 staff and students that make up the Springfield Public School learning community
  - Minimize classroom or school closures
  - Keep our students and staff healthy and safe
  - Provide a positive and supportive environment in a challenging time
- Policy 1648.11 “The Road Forward” is replacing Policy 1648
- Policy 1648.13 outlines staff vaccination requirements



# Current Status of Schools

**Since September 1, 2021:**

**2 Positive Cases of COVID-19 Reported**

## **Notes:**

All cases were related to outside of school transmission

It is **ESSENTIAL** to keep your children home when any member of the household is experiencing symptoms or if they are waiting on a COVID-19 test.



# Vaccination Update

## Current Status

- As of today, approximately **94% staff members are fully vaccinated.**
- 97% of FMG & JDHS families have submitted the annual registration
  - At FMG 96% of families have submitted annual registration
    - **38% of students are vaccinated**
    - 58% of students are either ineligible or are not vaccinated
  - At JDHS 98% of families have submitted annual registration
    - **70% of students are vaccinated**
    - 28% are either ineligible or are not vaccinated
- Parents of students who have been vaccinated are asked to contact the school nurse so that the status can be noted.



# How to Handle Quarantines?

- Families reporting a student is quarantined related to Covid-19 will be required to share information related to the contact with the school nurse and/or the health department in order to be eligible to participate.
- Remote instruction will include asynchronous and synchronous learning opportunities, depending on the course
  - Physical Education and Electives will not be offered synchronous instruction
  - Asynchronous work will be accessible via OnCourse and Google Classroom
- Participation will be limited based on the quarantine guidelines set by the NJDOH/NJDOE/CDC





*Welcome Back*  
*Go Bulldogs!*