



## Dear Mahwah School Community,

As we begin the 2025-2026 school year, we are excited to welcome our students, staff, and families back for what promises to be an inspiring year of learning, growth, and continued connection!

The start of a new school year always brings renewed energy, fresh opportunities, and the chance to work together toward the shared goal of ensuring success for each of our students.

This year marks the launch of our new five-year strategic plan, which showcases *The Flight of the Thunderbird*, created through meaningful community input and built around four key priorities:

- **Delivering a high-level curriculum and instruction** that prepares students for the challenges of today and the opportunities for tomorrow.
- **Building and maintaining strong community connections** to ensure that every family and stakeholder feels informed, engaged, and valued in our shared mission.
- **Enhancing our facilities through a referendum process**, which involves engaging families and community members on the scope, need, and impact. This will allow our district to meet current needs and prepare our schools thoughtfully for the future.
- **Supporting the social and emotional well-being of every student** so that they can learn, grow, and thrive, not only in Mahwah today, but also in the world around us tomorrow.

The success of our students depends on the strength of our collectively shared purpose. Our educators bring dedication, skill, and compassion to their work every day. Our families provide encouragement, trust, and collaboration. Our community offers resources, pride, and unwavering support. Together, we form a powerful partnership that is committed to ensuring that each child is challenged, cared for, and uniquely inspired.

I encourage everyone to stay connected to us, get involved in any available aspect of the learning community, and share your perspectives as we move forward. The next five years will be filled with high-level and innovative learning experiences, along with opportunities for us to come together to make a lasting impact on our students and their futures.

On behalf of our Board of Education and the entire Mahwah Public Schools team, welcome back! Thank you for your partnership, your trust, and your dedication to our students. Working alongside all of you continues to be a privilege. Together, let's make this school year one of excellence and achievement.

Here's to a successful and promising school year ahead!

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