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Dear Parents/Guardians of Tinton Falls Students:

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to update you on a few important announcements and upcoming events in the district.

2022-2023 School Year Changes: You may have heard that Mrs. Kaplan has resigned as the building principal of the Tinton Falls Middle School. Mrs. Kaplan hopes to return to the classroom to teach math, where her passion lies. We wish Mrs. Kaplan the best of luck in her future endeavors and continued success working with students.

As a result of this resignation, there will be some changes to the placement of school administrators. Mr. Howroyd, the current principal of Swimming River School, will become the Tinton Falls Middle School principal. Mr. Howroyd looks forward to his continued work with the students in Tinton Falls. His amazing leadership skills will continue to shine at the Tinton Falls Middle School. Mrs. Black, the current principal of the Mahala F. Atchison School, will become the principal of the Swimming River School. Her long-time experience in the Tinton Falls School District and fantastic work as a building leader will continue at Swimming River School.

We are confident that we will find an outstanding principal to lead the Mahala F. Atchison School as we begin our principal search in May. We are hopeful to name a new building principal at the May 23, 2022, Board of Education meeting.

Calendar Updates: At the Board of Education meeting on April 26, 2022, an updated calendar was approved, adjusting our end of the year date. The updated calendar has June 20, 2022, as the last school day. Some dates to draw to your attention include

- May 27, 2022: Single Session Day for students-staff PLC
- May 30, 2022: School Closed for Memorial Day
- June 3, 2022: Single Session Day for students-staff PLC
- June 16, 2022: Single Session Day for students
- June 17, 2022: Single Session Day for students
- June 20, 2022: Single Session Day for students and Last Day of School

Please take a close look at the updated calendar, including single-session days and please make a note of this in your schedule.

COVID weekly updates: As our COVID numbers remain low in our school district, this week will be the last weekly update of COVID cases. Should COVID cases rise significantly or increase community spread, we will start our notifications again.

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New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA): Over the next few weeks, students in grades 3-8 will be required to complete the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students in grades 5 and 8 completed their science assessments this week. These are important assessments that provide the district and parents with important information on student progress. Please ensure that your child has a fully charged Chromebook and earbuds/headphones for the assessment. They also should have a good night's rest and breakfast to make sure they are fully prepared. Tests start soon after student arrival. It is important that all students are on time and ready to work. Building principals have provided specifics for each grade level. Please contact the building principals for more information if you have further questions.

New Jersey Student Learning Standards: The New Jersey Department of Education has added updates to many academic areas in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for implementation starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Content within the updated Health and PE standards has been discussed at length and presented in the media, especially social media, much of which is incorrect and taken out of context.

Although the standards guide our instruction and programs in schools, school districts write district curricula to address the standards. We are carefully looking at all the changing standards and are working collaboratively on these changes. Our professional staff work to meet the standards in an age-appropriate manner. All changes will be highlighted and discussed with the Board of Education and shared with the community during the next few months. This includes transparency and sensitivity to all topics.

In closing, we look forward to the many exciting opportunities for our students during these last two months of school. It is exciting that many of the pre-pandemic events have and are returning to provide our students with a full school experience.

Thank you for your continued support. Our building administrators and teachers will continue to provide you with updates regarding school events and opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

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