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Dear Palisades Park Community,

It is my pleasure to welcome you back to the 2020-2021 school year! We have missed all of our students and truly hope that you have been enjoying a healthy and safe summer. This year will look very different than any other year in our District. Please know that your **child's health and safety** are our primary concern. Entering my 8th year as the Superintendent of the Palisades Park Schools, I have spent time thinking about our school community, planning for our restart and recovery, meeting with our district committees for our reopening plans, reviewing our work to be performed and future plans to ensure the well being of all of our school community.

For the 2020-21 school year the Palisades Park School District will be utilizing the Genesis Parent Portal for communication. An important feature is the Documents, Forms, and Contacts tabs in the portal. By clicking on these tabs you will have access to important information and you will be able to electronically acknowledge forms as required. All forms will be available shortly in the Genesis Portal. Please go to the Palisades Park Public Schools website and click the Parents tab. Log on to Genesis and you will find these forms in the Parent Portal. Additionally, information will be shared frequently with our families through Twitter, Blackboard and on our School Website as we begin to transition back to school.

Your contact information is absolutely essential in the event of an emergency involving your child. Please take the time to complete this information. In addition, it is imperative that you are registered in the Genesis System and have your email updated in Genesis in order to receive information throughout the year through both Genesis and our messaging system School Messenger. We encourage children to access their Palisades Park Gmail Accounts for specific information and links.

Finally, please be advised that as per the *New Jersey Department of Agriculture*, free lunch will be available to all students between the hours of 12 noon until 2pm beginning on Tuesday, September 8th at the cafeteria of Lindbergh Elementary School.

Your continued support is critical in helping your child in our new learning environment. Thank you for your patience and support and best of luck on a successful school year!

Be safe,
Dr. Joseph Cirillo