



August 2021

Dear School #1 Family,

I am delighted to introduce myself as Acting Principal of School #1. I have been a part of the Linden Public Schools for 23 years, as both a teacher and an administrator, and I am eager to begin this new endeavor in leading your school community. As a proud father of two teenagers, I am guided by treating your children, as I would want my own children to be regarded in their school buildings.

As we embark on this school year, we should be mindful that this is a new beginning for all of us. Each new school year is an opportunity for growth and improvement, in the area of academics as well as social-emotional health. The unique challenges of today's world are relevant and necessary to address; however, they will not deter us in our mission to educate our students and enrich their educational experiences with innovative technology and best teaching and learning practices.

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Enclosed you will find a copy of your child's Emergency Information Verification Form and a Dismissal Form. For the safety and security of your child, both the **Dismissal Form and the Emergency Information Verification Form must be completed and returned to school on the first day.** During the first day of school drop-off, be sure to inform your child's teacher the means by which your child is to be dismissed. They will direct you to the proper door for dismissal after school at 3:00 p.m.

On the first day of school, September 8th only:

- Students in grades 1 through 5 will report to their assigned teacher on the front lawn of School #1. *Students will enter Door #8 (Curtis St.) beginning on 9/9/21*
- Kindergarten students will line up with teachers near Door #10 (front of the building) starting at 9:00 a.m. *This time applies only for the first day of school.*
- Pre-Kindergarten students will line up with teacher near Door #10 (front of the building) starting at 10:00 a.m. *This time applies only for the first day of school.*

Lastly, please visit the School #1 website, <http://www.linden.k12.nj.us/schools/school1/>, where you will find a more detailed Back-To-School Guide with other school procedures and information. This guide will be updated regularly.

I look forward to a safe and successful school year, and to greeting you all on September 8th!

Sincerely,

Michael Walters
Acting Principal

Homeroom Teacher: _____