



*Serving With Pride The  
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the new Superintendent of this phenomenal school district, I am honored to welcome you and your children to the 2021-2022 school year!

Our administrative team has been working collaboratively to develop and implement a Safe Reopen Plan that returns us to a sense of normalcy, while still implementing appropriate safety measures. I encourage you to review our [Safe Reopen Plan](#) and our [Safe Reopen Presentation](#). We have also created a plan to provide [alternate instruction](#), if students need to quarantine. Please note that the plan may be updated and revised as needed to reflect new guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and the New Jersey Department of Education.

In addition to preparing for a safe reopening, we have maintained our focus on student support and success. Our staff will be attending workshops focused on new programs, effective instructional strategies, and supporting our students. Below are some of the academic initiatives that will be implemented in September:

- Reading Workshop will be expanded into 2nd and 3rd grade;
- enVisionMath will be expanded into 8th grade; and
- a new elective called Skills for Success will replace forensic science as a 7th grade elective.

We have a tradition of excellence in Manalapan-Englishtown, and we are excited to share that last year was not any different. When we compare data from the 2019 administration of Link-It C with the 2021 administration of Link-It C, we see very little learning loss. This analysis, as well as a complete update on our curriculum revisions, will be shared at the August Board of Education meetings. After the meetings, we will post the presentations on our [website](#).

The Parent Portal for the district's schools will open on August 20, 2021. If your child attended our schools last year, your password should be the same. If your child is new to our district, you will be receiving a letter with instructions on how to access the Parent Portal. All of the required start of the school year forms are accessible through the Portal. Once completed, you will have access to your child's schedule and/or teacher. Bus passes will also be available.

Please be sure to check the district website, your individual school website, and/or our district app regularly for updates on district events, Board of Education information, curricula, and PTO/PTA happenings. I also encourage you to visit our Facebook page to see the great things happening everyday in our classrooms!

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please reach out to your child's teacher, building administration, or district administration. Although all MERS staff have voicemail, email is the most efficient way to reach us. Our email addresses can be found on the individual school websites under "Staff Directory."

Last year, we worked collaboratively to overcome one of the most challenging circumstances we have ever experienced as educators and people. I can assure you that we will continue to provide your child with a safe and innovative learning environment and continue our long tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Santora". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "N" and "S".

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