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Dear Penns Grove-Carneys Point RSD School and Community,

Welcome back for another fantastic school year! As we begin another year we need to be mindful of our interactions and conduct with each other and provide the best example for our children in and out of the classroom. Restoring the trust in the educational system as the institution that develops knowledge, character, honesty, and compassion for humanity allows for us to nurture well-rounded individuals! It is transforming behaviors and attitudes that will aid in fostering a mindset of dedication and kindness in our children. Their future is our pride!

Our school district has taken the initiative to enhance academics for our students and establishing programs to address the social and emotional well-being of students. Recently, the Chancelight Program has been approved by the Board of Education for Penns Grove Middle School. This program will assist students in refocusing their energy on academics and age-appropriate behaviors with peers and adults. At Paul W Carleton School, the program Restore, Recover and Reflect has been developed as a socio-emotional program to address behaviors with peers and academics at the elementary level. Currently, the Penns Grove High School has the Achieve Beyond, set for students that need guided education and counseling to restructure behaviors. These strategies and programs will support students and allow them to thrive in their pursuit of their academic aspirations.

The district curriculum has been revised and updated according to the NJ Students Learning Standards. The facilities continue to be improved and updated. This includes and is not limited to, framing doors, changing windows, updating the PGMS library and teacher's lounges, adding air conditioning to the middle school gym and Paul W. Carleton Cafeteria. Our High School football, soccer, baseball, band practice area, and softball fields received soil amendments to improve soil properties. The buildings and grounds crew continues working diligently to complete these improvements in facilities that will benefit our students.

New PGCP family team members include Dr. Lynn Booth, Director of Special Services and Early Childhood, Mrs. Colleen Cancila, Director of Human Resources and, Mrs. Nicole Hannah, Supervisor of Humanities. In addition, Mrs. Diana Morris is moving to be the Early Childhood Supervisor and around thirty (30) new staff members will be joining our family. Together, we are being the role models for our students as our actions can influence their demeanor while they are under our supervision. The district administration continues working during the summer to provide the outstanding programs that will develop our students into creative, qualified, and competent individuals for the work force.

It is an honor for me to be part of a great district and community forging the future for our students to become Leaders and Achievers. Welcome Back!!

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"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." --Albert Schweitzer