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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students:

On behalf of the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education, let me be among the first to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year. We are very excited to embark on another opportunity to succeed in our mission of *growing all learners to thrive*.

As your new Superintendent, I am excited about the many changes that have taken place over the summer. To name just a few, we have hired 14 new teachers and administrators that will join an already talented, enthusiastic, and experienced staff. We are confident that they will make a major impact not only in their classroom, but in the district and the community. We also hired an armed security firm, KDNFS, who will provide security in all of our schools. This will help keep our most precious commodities, our students and staff, safe.

This summer, we applied for and received additional funding from the New Jersey Department of Education through a Preschool Education Expansion Aid grant. With this additional funding, we are able to offer two additional Pre-K classes through Firm Foundations located in Elmer. We are excited to partner with them as we move forward.

In addition to the usual painting and maintenance upgrades, some facilities projects occurred over the summer. New bathrooms were added to several of the classrooms in the Elmer Elementary School and new flooring was installed at the Pittsgrove Township Middle School. Thanks to the support of the community and the Board of Education, several more projects are still in process and are slated for completion as school opens.

As the school year advances, we will also continue to monitor the new grade reconfiguration alignment we implemented this year.

As always, we welcome your involvement and support in your child's education and realize that it is key to their success. We invite you to join us at school activities and events whenever possible and to participate in our PTO organizations.

This is an exciting time for the Pittsgrove Township School District, and we are eagerly awaiting the start of the new school year! We look forward to seeing all of our students on Thursday, September 6th!

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

Sincerely,



Dr. Scott Hoopes
Superintendent of Schools

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