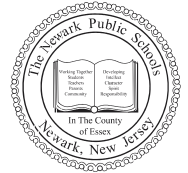


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Dear Parents and Families,

It's hard to believe that we've reached the conclusion of this historic year in the Newark Public Schools. As we enter this era of local control on July 1st, represented by the start of Roger Leon as Newark's first locally selected Superintendent in over 20 years, I want to take a moment to share my gratitude with you for allowing me to be a part of this important process.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Interim Superintendent of our schools since February 1, 2018. I've learned so much about this amazing city, the wonderful children and families in our many communities, and the talented educators in our schools. During my interim period, I've attended celebratory events, visited dozens of classrooms and schools throughout the district, and have had the opportunity to listen and observe, in awe of the achievements and brilliance of our students.

More students are graduating than ever before from Newark Public Schools and students are achieving at higher levels than any time in recent years. Their vast accomplishments in areas like academics, sports, music, and the arts make me confident that our students are better positioned for successful futures and our schools are on the move.

I wish everyone a well-deserved restful, safe, and productive summer and I encourage all parents and guardians to ensure your child is reading and engaged in some form of educational activity during these months. Research shows that students who do not participate in learning activities during the summer months can experience significant learning loss.

To counter this, our city and school district offers amazing summer programs and resources. A few I recommend looking at, if you haven't already, are as follows:

- Our schools will be offering SummerPlus and Summer School:
<http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/summerprograms/>
- And partner organizations like Newark Thrives! Have great resources for families to access:
<http://www.newark-thrives.org/>

Lastly, I would like to wish you all the very best summer vacation, while congratulating our graduating seniors in the Class of 2018. We know you will represent us well as you move onto the next important phase of your lives.

To all of you who are back with us next year, our principals, teachers, and other school-based staff look forward to welcoming you back, refreshed, for what will be an exciting 2018-19 school year.

As I often said during my time as Interim Superintendent, I will leave you with once more: ***A better tomorrow starts with us today.***

Sincerely,

A. Robert Gregory