



Week starting October 8, 2023

Dear Linden Families,

I am pleased with our transition into October. Our student enrollment is approximately 6,322, and the daily attendance rate is 93.6%. Discipline data for MMS, SMS, and LHS (secondary level) indicate a 12.4% decrease in In School Suspension and a 42% decrease in students receiving Out of School Suspension compared to the previous school year. This indicates fewer incidents of misbehavior or Code of Conduct violations and suggests that students behave more responsibly and respectfully. We continue to analyze specific reasons to understand the factors contributing to this improvement fully.

Refer to the Genesis Parent Module on our website. Parents/guardians who created an account can log in to view their child's attendance, academic progress, and behavior infractions. Also, parents/guardians may be asked to fill out required district forms through the Genesis module.

Our teachers, administrators, and instructional leadership teams have been meeting to review the Spring 2023 NJSLA/Science statewide assessment data for grades 3-11 in language arts, math, and science. The individual student reports have been mailed to your residence. The ISRs are also available on the NJ Results Pearson Access Next website parent portal, <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>, with a narrated video of understanding the ISRs.

Statewide assessment data, daily assessments, and the current online benchmark assessment are used to understand how your student is learning. The assessments also guide us in meeting district goals, building goals, and student goals. Enrichment activities and interventions are put in place to guide us along the way. Continue communicating with your teachers and building principals for family nights centered around teaching and learning.

There is no school on Monday, October 9th, for students to celebrate Columbus Day. School staff will report to engage in professional learning experiences. NJGPA administration will occur at LHS 10/10 – 10/13 for identified 12th graders upon students' return. All other students will have a delayed opening.

Reminder: Free and reduced meal applications are due by October 20th and can be found on our website under the parent resources tab, food services, and online meal application.

Take care,
Atiya Y. Perkins
Superintendent of Schools