

Week starting October 15, 2023

Dear Linden Families,

Tomorrow starts School Violence Awareness Week. During this week, NJ schools must offer meetings for students, parents, school district personnel, and police officers to share ways to ensure school safety. As we Strengthen Partnerships through community-based connections, a meeting was held at LHS with the Class President, Student Council, Team Captains, Executive Leadership, School Administration, District Security, Mayor Armstead, Law Enforcement, and the Linden Board of Education President Dr. Berghammer. Collectively, the students came together to promote positive behavior in and out of schools and expressed problem-based solution strategies. Students were celebrated for joining us at the table. I thanked all students for being the best version of themselves and choosing to act on my slogan collectively, "We Don't Fight, We Make It Right," to promote social and emotional thinking skills.

I am excited to announce my first "Speaking to the Younger You and Listening to the Future You" student assembly in collaboration with the LHS students, Mayor, Law Enforcement, and Board President. The assembly is being held for students in both middle schools to foster age-appropriate meetings, promote student safety and security, and support social and emotional learning during School Violence Awareness Week. We are proud our LHS Students agree to:



The Linden Public Schools highly value the safety of all students, and we make continuous efforts to establish an environment for a sense of belonging through respect and acceptance. As a school community, we need to acknowledge and be considerate of our students, staff, and families who may have loved ones residing in regions presently experiencing hardship, conflict, and warfare. Our counselors are available to provide support and resources.

Take care, Atiya Y. Perkins Superintendent of Schools