



HOME

*again*

2021

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Linden Public Schools  
RESILIENCE, RECOVERY, & REALIGNMENT



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Linden Public Schools Colleagues,

Welcome back for the 2021-2022 school year! A year dedicated to Resilience, Recovery, and Realignment.

This year will be like none that any of us has faced before, as we and our students return from 18 months of COVID-19, remote learning, hybrid learning, contact tracing, and quarantine. By no means are we clear of the pandemic, but 2021-2022 will be about transitioning back to something closer to the world we knew before, fighting for a sense of normalcy even as we continue to contend with vaccines, masks, and even loss.

Today, we come together in celebration as a sign that we are ready to meet that challenge. I am looking forward to working alongside all of you to make this a successful and joyous school year for our students. Enjoy the day and come in next week rejuvenated and ready to inspire.

We are a family, and Linden Public Schools are our homes. Welcome, Home Again!

Carpe diem,

**Dr. Marnie Hazelton**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

## WELCOME!

Linden High School Marching Band, Cheerleaders and ROTC

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sung by LHS senior **Samantha Pugliese**

## WAKE UP EVERYBODY

Sung by LHS senior **Rashaan Billups**

## SPEAKERS

### ■ Dr. Marnie Hazelton

*Superintendent of Schools*

### ■ Mayor Derek Armstead

*Mayor of Linden*

### ■ Chief David Hart

*Linden Police Department*

### ■ Kevin Thurston

*Linden Administrators and Supervisors Association*

### ■ Eloy Delgado

*Linden Education Association*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Adam Fletcher

Adam F.C. Fletcher is an internationally recognized practitioner and researcher focused on Meaningful Student Involvement, and the executive director of Youth and Educators Succeeding. Adam studies, shares, and teaches others about student voice, student engagement, and system-wide school transformation. Adam is building a new vision for the future focused on powerful learning, empowered action, and transformative social change for all youth everywhere in all ways, always. <https://www.yesk12.org/adam-fletcher>





## YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD

We honor those who have completed 25+ years of employment with the Linden Public Schools as of June 2021.

## LINDEN TIGER RESILIENCY AWARDS

We celebrate one employee per building/department who has shown resiliency and remarkable strength. They are inspirational leaders to their teams and have shown what it takes to be “Tiger Strong.”

## TIGER BOWL

*Cheer on your school in fun competitions throughout the morning.*

Water Balloon Toss, Finish the Lyrics, Linden Trivia, Football Kick, Three-Legged Race

## MUSIC

DJ Mark DeCastro, *McManus Middle School*

## FOOD

Thanks to: Applebee's ■ Chick-Fil-A ■ Pomptonian Food Service ■ Wawa

## FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT, WE THANK THE FOLLOWING:

Northfield Bank ■ Linden Education Association ■ Linden Administrators Supervisors Association ■ Linden Housing Authority ■ Linden Housing Corp. ■ Phillips 66 ■ Infineum ■ Meson Tropical ■ Linden PBA Local No. 42 ■ Maki's Yard Cards & More ■ A&B Promotions

CORY A. BOOKER  
NEW JERSEY



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

September 3, 2021

Dr. Marnie Hazelton  
Linden Public Schools  
2 East Gibbons Street  
Linden, New Jersey 07036

Dear Dr. Hazelton,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest acknowledgment of the beginning of a new year at Linden Public Schools. After a year disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic may the start of this school year be filled with new beginnings, excitement, and a return to a sense of normalcy.

Your teachers, staff, and students have overcome numerous obstacles over the past year, but are no doubt more resilient because of it. I wish you all the best of luck and look forward to a successful school year.

Sincerely,

Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator



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### ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Marnie Hazelton  
*Superintendent of Schools*

Denise Cleary  
*Assistant Superintendent*

Kathleen A. Gaylord  
*Business Administrator/Board Secretary*

Dr. Karen Baldwin  
*Human Resources Manager*

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Carlos A. Rivas  
*Board President*

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*Board Vice President*

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### HOME AGAIN 2021 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

#### *Chairs*

Yelena Horr e  
Michelle Rodriguez  
David Walker

#### *Lead Members*

Rachelle Crawley  
Mark DeCastro  
Debra Giacalone  
Michael Firestone  
Dr. Marnie Hazelton  
Debra Heffernan-Louka  
Kelly Koziol  
Robert Kratzer  
Felicia Lambkin  
Matthew Lorenzetti  
Annabell Louis  
Gary Miller  
Kayla Miller  
Lawrence Miranda  
Suzanne Olivero  
Slawek Pajak  
Angela Paternostro  
Donna Popov  
Michael Samsel  
Laura Scamardella  
Isabella Scocozza  
Patricia Tartivita  
Terri Todd  
Steven Viana

*Thank you to everyone, not listed,  
that contributed to the success of today's program.*



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*Great*   
**SCHOOL YEAR!**  
  
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