



Dear Linden Families,

Thank you for your partnership in making the first two days of school successful. Special thanks go to the families, faculty, staff, administration, and the maintenance, transportation, technology, and food services departments of our school district for their flexibility and support in welcoming our students during the adjustment of our early dismissal days.

Monday, September 11, is Patriot Day, where twenty-two years ago, one of the most tragic events, "9/11," took place in our Country. Linden Public Schools and the Linden Board of Education mourn and honor the heroes of an event that devastated our city and brought heartbreak worldwide. I want to acknowledge the loss of past Linden resident Wanda Green, who was a flight attendant for United Airlines on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Ms. Green and all our Linden front-line heroes, Police, Fire, and First Responders are true patriots who exemplify courage. Their courage on that day remains an example of unselfish character, inspiration, and pride for all of Linden Public Schools students and for the greater community of Linden.

September 11, 2023, carries a solemn significance in the history of our country. Considering this, Governor Murphy has issued Executive Order No. 340, ordering that the American flag and the flag of New Jersey will be flown at half-staff across all State departments, offices, agencies, instrumentalities, and public buildings throughout appropriate hours on this day. This action serves as a tribute and a show of sorrow for the individuals who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks, including those from our own State.

I am excited for the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year and eager to witness the incredible achievements of our students. We will continue to strengthen partnerships through unbreakable bonds and unstoppable progress. Back to School Nights begin this week. Contact your school if further information is needed.

Take care,
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Superintendent of Schools