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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I want to take this opportunity to formally welcome everyone back for another exciting school year. When the students arrive on September 5, they will be greeted by 19 new staff members district-wide. The newcomers bring with them a variety of experiences – both academically and professionally - that will allow our district to maintain the high level of academic services that we all expect.

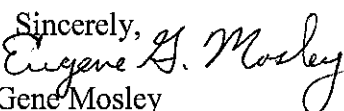
In addition to the new faces, students and parents will notice significant changes in the buildings throughout the district. At Dunellen High School physical upgrades were made in both the chemistry room and the wood shop. Meanwhile, the physics room and both biology rooms received complete makeovers that will provide our students and teachers with state-of-the-art facilities, allowing for greater flexibility in delivering presentations and a more “hands-on” experience overall.

We have also installed a new communication/security system that will more closely link all three schools in the district. This new system will also allow for greater two-way communication within building; an infusion of exterior and interior cameras will enhance the district’s security system. Our new main phone number is 732-400-5900. By dialing this you can be connected to any of our three schools.

Another new aspect of the security system will be the addition – sometime during the year - of a School Resource Officer (SRO) who will spend time in all three buildings during the course each school day. This will be a regular member of the Dunellen Police department who will be assigned to the schools and will follow our school calendar.

As the year progresses, we will be adding new interior and exterior doors at all three schools. The doors will be linked to the new security system, providing an extra layer of internal and external protection while also helping us become more energy efficient.

We know that change is necessary if we are going to continue to progress as a district. But we also realize that whenever change is introduced there is an inevitable period of adjustment. We ask you to be patient and positive in this transition so we can use this new technology to create a safe and welcoming environment that will allow us to maximize learning opportunities and continue first-rate educational experience for all of our students.

Sincerely,

Gene Mosley