August 3, 2020

Dear Little Silver Families,

Greetings to everyone, and I hope that you and your families are doing well.

Although this is not my first piece of correspondence as your Superintendent, I felt it was important to reach out in a more personal manner on my first official day back in the district. As many of you already know, my career in public education started in Little Silver teaching middle school math at Markham Place School. What I remember most about my time teaching at MPS is the sense of teamwork that existed in the district. Little Silver Schools have always enjoyed a tremendous amount of success due in large part to the collaborative efforts of the teachers, administration and families in town. My goal is to maintain that same type of climate in our district.

Despite the circumstances surrounding the pandemic, there is a new school year that is not too far off on the horizon. During the month of August, I will provide you with updates on a regular basis about our reopening plans. Additionally, I also plan to schedule some type of parent forum for both schools so that we can get acquainted and continue to work through the questions and concerns you have about the year ahead. As a career educator, I can assure you that my focus will always be on doing what is best for students. As the parent of three children, I understand the challenges posed by these stressful circumstances. On the other hand, I also believe that adversity can help us develop new skills and strengthen the relationships that are needed for all of us to be successful. My hope is that the children in particular, will have a new sense of appreciation for the daily interactions with their peers and teachers that we all typically take for granted.

So, on my first day serving this great community as the Superintendent of Schools, you have my word that I will approach each day with passion, excitement and dedication. I understand and embrace the expectations for excellence that have always been a hallmark of our district, and I can assure you that my love of learning remains as strong today as it was when I first walked into Room 23 at MPS!

For now, I wish all of you a wonderful remainder of the summer and I look forward to serving Little Silver as its educational leader.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Ettore
Superintendent