



# LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Little Silver Community,

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying a happy and healthy spring season. As was announced at last night's Board of Education meeting, after 11 years of service, Andrew Walsh has decided to resign from the Board at the end of the school year due to increased work commitments that will interfere with his obligations to the Board. The Board has elected Carrie Glynn to serve as President and Meghan Bennett to serve as Vice President for the remainder of the calendar year. We are confident that Carrie and Meghan possess the necessary skills and attributes to lead our Board through both our current challenges and in the years to come.

With this announcement, we would also like to bring focus to the Board of Education's role and scope of responsibility. Boards of Education are policy and governance bodies. They do not operate the district on a day-to-day basis; that is the job of the Superintendent, who is the district's chief executive. Rather, the BOE sets the policies, goals and objectives for the district – and it relies upon the Superintendent to implement those policies and achieve outlined goals. Little Silver Schools are run by a phenomenal group of teachers, principals, counselors, nurses, administrators, and staff - they are the reason our district ranks at the top of our state. The Board has every faith in them and their ability to provide our students with the top-notch education they deserve, despite the current challenges of the pandemic.

We thank the community for their increased participation in BOE meetings. Your input is an important and valued resource. Looking ahead, it is incumbent upon all of us to set a positive tone and proceed in good faith that we are on the same team and working toward the same goal, namely excellence in education.

There are roughly two months left of this school year, and we all have much to celebrate. We hope you will join us in congratulating our students for persevering through a truly unconventional and trying period. The Board is so grateful to everyone who helped the students of Little Silver in this endeavor - the teachers, who reinvented their classrooms and curriculums - the principals and directors, who used creativity and innovation to bring students back in person - the nurses, who worked overtime to keep everyone safe - the counselors, who helped us navigate the mental tolls of this year - the administrators and their staff, who diligently steered the ship through rough waters - the buildings and grounds employees, who kept our buildings clean and ready for learning - and the great number of parents, who collectively fundraised to provide "extras" for our students, and individually



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showed patience and collaboration through it all. Of course, this represents only a fraction of the efforts each and every stakeholder has put forth to ensure the continued success of our district. We hope that, in addition to their regular coursework, this year our students learned how challenges can be overcome with grace, teamwork, and a little hard work. We should all be proud of that.

Sincerely,

Little Silver Board of Education

Carrie Glynn, President

Meghan Bennett, Vice President

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