

Upper Township School District

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Dear Valued Community Partner:

As superintendent of the Upper Township School District, it is my honor, on behalf of the Upper Township Board of Education, to invite you to participate in our strategic planning process we will undergo in our district.

Our three-part process, facilitated by the New Jersey School Boards Association, is crafted to bring together all of our various stakeholders to create a shared vision for the Upper Township School District. At our first session, on Wednesday, January 24, we will identify the points of pride we have in our district and community and the current and long term challenges we must face and address. Our second session, scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, will focus on our unlimited vision for the school district. At our third session, we will use a consensus process to draft goal statements and objectives for a five year plan that will support our community's vision for our school district and the students we serve. We will work in large and small groups throughout the process.

The Upper Township School District Board of Education and the administration will rely upon the strategic plan to help shape district goals and initiatives as we move forward over the next five years.

As a leader in our community, you have a unique and valuable viewpoint that will enrich our work. I hope that you will be able to join us in this endeavor. The strategic planning sessions will allow our neighbors, educators, administrators, students and families to have important conversations regarding public education together.

Please join us at our first meeting on Wednesday, January 24, at 6:30 PM in the Upper Township Middle School library to participate in this collaborative process. Our second and third meetings will take place on Wednesday, February 21 and Wednesday, March 20, both at 6:30 PM in the Upper Township Middle School library.

Please call Martha Hart (609-628-3500 x2295) in our central office to let us know if you will be able to join us in this exciting opportunity to assist in shaping the future of Upper Township School District. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you.

Very truly yours,

Allison Pessolano, Superintendent