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Dear Pennsbury School Community:

It is an honor and a privilege to begin my journey as Superintendent of the Pennsbury School District. I have been transitioning into my new role since the end of May. During this time, my goal was to learn as much about Pennsbury as possible. I would like to thank Dr. Theresa Ricci, Director of Secondary Education, who served as the Interim Superintendent during the month of July.

During my transition, I had the opportunity to attend several Pennsbury events, including the legendary PHS Senior Prom and Sports Nite, as well as several end-of-the-year events on the elementary level. I also had the opportunity to meet individually with each member of my administrative team, members of the Board of School Directors, and several key stakeholders. Pennsbury is very fortunate to have a group of individuals who are so dedicated to supporting our students and teachers. Everyone I met stressed their commitment to making Pennsbury the best it can be.

We have set an ambitious agenda to address our aging facilities, review our curriculum, continue our equity work, investigate school start times, and provide needed support for our students. Measurable goals to address these areas will be identified, placed on our website, and evaluated on an annual basis. Our top priority at this time is the safe return to school of our students and staff. We are currently finalizing our return to school plans in collaboration with state, local, and district officials. Details will be shared as soon as possible.

Another critical area needed for success is clear, timely, and transparent communication. I believe community and parent input is essential as we build on the strong traditions in Pennsbury. I will be providing regular reports to the community and we will be expanding our presence on social media to provide quick, easy-to-find updates. Starting this fall, I also plan to schedule Superintendent Roundtable meetings to provide community members and parents/guardians the opportunity to share their perspectives of the District, challenges we may be facing, along with ideas for the future. I will also schedule regular open office hours for the same purpose. More details will be shared in the coming months.

Pennsbury has incredible traditions, amazing staff members, and a very supportive community that wants the best for its children. It is my hope that we can work together to face any challenge so our School District can take its place among the best in Pennsylvania and the nation. I look forward to our work together as we lead Pennsbury into a bright future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TAS" with a stylized flourish.

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Superintendent of Schools

MISSION

Recognizing our proud traditions and diverse community, the Pennsbury School District prepares all students to become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for lifelong success in a global society.