

## BRANCHBURG TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Branchburg Families and Community Members,

I am pleased to be serving as the Superintendent of the Branchburg Township School District and to be working with you to provide a strong and relevant education to the students of Branchburg.

It is a privilege to serve in a District where the families have an unwavering commitment to the success of our school system. I am confident we will continue to work together in support of dynamic learning environments for our students.

As we embark on a new school year, I am once again reminded of the feeling of anticipation that comes when everything is new. Our students are starting fresh and have the opportunity to create new friends, learn new material, and experience new adventures. Whether your child is entering kindergarten or getting started on their last year in the District as an eighth grader, we are committed to insuring that their year will be filled with learning that challenges their thinking, piques their curiosity, and moves them forward in their learning.

Our District Goals this year are focused on creating opportunities to increase the choices students have for demonstrating their learning. We will be merging content area topics to help students understand that learning doesn't happen in isolation – what you learn in your math class is important for the work you do in science. We will also be instituting Capstone Projects for students who are "graduating" from one of our schools (grades 3, 5, and 8). These Capstone projects will be designed by students and will include a presentation to parents and the school community on a topic of the students choice, related to a theme that the grade level has chosen.

All of the staff members in the District place the success of students as our top priority. I look forward to partnering with you as we inspire our children to learn, think, grow, and excel in life.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or suggestions you may have for our District. I can be reached at (908) 722-3335, ext. 4710 or via email at <u>rgensel@branchburg.k12.nj.us</u>.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Gensel

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