



TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Township of Franklin Public Schools Community,

The 2022-23 school year is well underway and we couldn't be happier with how quickly our students, parents, teachers and staff have fallen into the educational routine. We can't express enough our appreciation for your patience, efforts, and resiliency that helped us kick this school year off on the right foot....**THANK YOU!** The community updates serve as a way to keep our parents and community up to date on district happenings. In addition, the building principals send home updates with school specific information to keep our parents in the know. Please review this update thoroughly and as always, let us know if you have any questions. We hope everyone has a wonderful school year.

UPCOMING DISTRICT SCHEDULE

Monday, October 31st**Single Session/Half Day for Students**
Thursday, November 10th - Friday, November 11th ...**NJEA Convention/Veterans Day/Schools Closed for Students**
Monday, November 21st thru Wednesday, November 23rd **Single Sessions/Half Days for Students**
Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th**District Closed-Thanksgiving Break**

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The annual Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Program nominations are being sought for the 2022-2023 school year. Please use the link below for more information on the program and to nominate a teaching staff member and educational services professional. The response form will be open from 10/24/22 to 11/11/22.

[Teacher of the Year Nomination Form](#)

VISION 2026-STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES

In April 2022, the Township of Franklin Board of Education approved the [Vision 2026 Strategic Plan](#). As you will see, the plan consists of five goal areas with specific targeted goals within each goal area. District officials began working with stakeholders toward the achievement of the outlined goals. In efforts to provide the community with progress updates, we have created a [strategic plan webpage](#) that includes the plan in its entirety and links to the action plans and progress updates as they are presented to the Board of Education. As always, please let us know if you have any questions regarding the strategic plan.

NEW MISSION/VISION STATEMENTS

As a part of the Vision 2026 strategic planning process, the district has adopted a revised mission statement and developed a vision statement. The new mission and vision statements were developed through a collaborative process and finalized by the strategic planning advisory committee. The new mission and vision statements are listed below and will serve as the driving force of the efforts of the district moving forward.

Mission Statement

In partnership with students, families and the community, the mission of the Township of Franklin Public Schools is to foster the unique potential of each individual student by providing an inclusive, safe and supportive learning environment.

Vision Statement

To be a child centered community that empowers students and equips them with the academic, social & emotional foundation needed to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

COVID-19 DISTRICT UPDATE

As you are aware, the district is no longer posting daily COVID case information via the COVID Tracker. However, periodic updates are provided via the building principals' updates and the district community update. As of the date of this update, the Township of Franklin Public School District has experienced a total of **60** positive COVID-19 cases since September 1, 2022.

COVID COMMUNICATION

As we inch closer to the winter months, it is very important for parents to communicate with the school nurse with notification in the unfortunate case that your child tests positive for COVID-19. All school districts in New Jersey are required to report student/staff cases of COVID. The school nurses' email addresses are listed below. We thank you for your continued cooperation.

Caroline L. Reutter Nurse- Mrs. Orysia Zorzi at ozorzi@franklintwpschools.org

Main Road Nurse- Mrs. Lorraine Kiger at lkiger@franklintwpschools.org

Mary F. Janvier Nurse- Mrs. Jessica Swanfeld at jswanfeld@franklintwpschools.org

KEEPING CHILDREN HOME WHEN SICK

Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of illness every day as you are the front line for assessing illness in children. Parents/caregivers are asked not to send their child to school if they present COVID-19 symptoms. Symptoms could include any of the following:

- Fever of 100.4°F / 38°C or higher
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- New taste or smell disorder
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea

In addition, parents/guardians should keep their child(ren) home from school if they have:

- Tested positive (viral test) for COVID-19
- COVID-19 symptoms and awaiting COVID-19 test results

Feel free to contact the school nurse if you have any questions regarding possible exposure or if you are unsure of whether or not to send your child to school.

Please be assured that our school district is here to support our students and the school community. It is our hope that everyone has had a wonderful start to the school year. As always, please let us know how we can be of any assistance.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Walton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'W'.

Mr. Troy Walton
Superintendent of Schools