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Dear Saddle River Community of Learners,

I hope you have all had a restful summer, and don't worry as you have a couple more weeks to go!

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as your new Interim Superintendent of Schools. I am truly honored, humbled, and very much look forward to getting to know all of you as we spend the year together.

I most recently have been serving in Ridgewood as the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction with responsibilities for all schools K-12. Additionally, I have worked in Bergen County for the past twenty plus years with the bulk of my career as the middle school Principal in River Dell. I am also a proud past president of the Bergen County Principals and Supervisors Association and have always looked to fully participate in the Bergen County family of educators.

My leadership philosophy is embedded in the belief that we all have the power within us to be successful as students, educators, and parents. I am an advocate for creating learning environments that allow for us all to have the opportunity to be our best selves, and look forward to working towards this goal for all of us.

It is my sincere intent to make every effort to help foster a culture of connection, collaboration, and transparency to ensure the continued success of Wandell and the greater community at large. I am looking forward to working with all of you to learn, share, and grow together during the 2024-25 school year. Please know that I am currently transitioning from Ridgewood with the intention of being in Saddle River fully by the start of the school year and will then be fully in place.

I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and to a very successful school year!

Best,

Richard Freedman

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Saddle River