

OCEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear School Community:

We are entering some of our busiest and most anticipated weeks of the school year, which are more meaningful than ever this year. Governor Murphy’s recent announcement expanding outdoor gathering limits and increasing capacities for venues means that we are able to move forward with our preliminary plans for outdoor events. Our students will enjoy the longstanding traditions of prom and graduations, and even some newer traditions that appear here to stay. Our pre-prom red carpet, for example, brought our students and community together safely last year, and that unifying event will likely continue long after the pandemic.

One celebration beginning today is Teacher Appreciation Week. If compelled, please thank a teacher who has either made an impact on your child’s life or who you recognize has gone above and beyond – especially this past year – to deliver exceptional instruction and support. Those personal notes and gestures of gratitude are deeply special to our Ocean City teachers. I, personally, want to commend our educators for not just aiming to “get by” this past year, but striving to learn new tools and rethinking their approach to education.

Three OCSD teachers are gaining additional attention in 2021 as our Teachers of the Year. These educators have the respect and admiration of their students, families, colleagues, administration and OCSD Board of Education. They lead by example through both their work ethic and compassion for students and families as well as their professional relationships with colleagues.

Please join me in congratulating the 2021 OCSD Teachers of the Year:

- Mikenzie Helphenstine, Primary School
- Lindsay Morris, Intermediate School
- Lisa O’Neill, High School

With our teachers leading the way, we are making our final push toward the finish line of the 2020-2021 school year. The district will provide timely updates about end-of-year activities via the Ocean City School District website and Swift K12.

Thank you, and Happy Mother’s Day to all of our OCSD moms!

Sincerely,

Kathleen W. Taylor, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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