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A Message from the Superintendent

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Dear Bayonne School Community,

Welcome back to the 2009-2010 school year! I hope you had a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer. First, I want to thank you for all of the accomplishments we achieved during the 2008-2009 school year. This past spring, the New Jersey Department of Education declared that the Bayonne Public School District is a “high-performing district” as a result of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum process (NJQSAC). The Bayonne School District met the required percentages of the quality performance indicators in each of the five key components of district effectiveness and the Bayonne School District was designated as a “high-performing” school district.

I thank all school board members, central office administrators, the Bayonne NJQSAC committee, and staff for their commitment, dedication, and expertise for making this NJQSAC official certification possible.

As we begin this new school year, we will again continue a *“Spirit of Excellence”* in all academic disciplines. Our goal is to increase academic achievements and ensure academic excellence for every student in the Bayonne School District.

I look forward to meeting the challenges we face in the upcoming year and sharing our successes as a “team”. We certainly have a great deal to be proud of, but we still have more to accomplish.

I read the following quote this summer and I would like to share it with you: *“This is the time of year when school begins and my thoughts turn to some very special people. The teachers who were such an important part of my life...I think of the way their special attention helped open the gates of learning. They gave so much of themselves...with patience and tenderness. And not all the knowledge was of the textbook variety. I also learned about life. Those caring teachers helped me blossom as an individual...and gave me a sense of self-worth that...even today...sees me through trying times. I can’t imagine a more precious gift that one individual can give to another.”* –Unknown

Finally, I thank all administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and students for your cooperation and support and I extend my best wishes for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

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