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Dear Bayonne School District Families,

Last week I had the privilege of attending the District Spelling Bee at Mary J. Donohoe Community School. The District Spelling Bee commences our school year elementary academic competitions; which include the Math Olympiad, Geography Bee, Academic Challenge, Forensics, and Fire Bowl. I would like to congratulate the champion of our 33rd Annual Spelling Bee, Dylan Follmer, grade seven of Henry E. Harris Community School. Additionally, I would like to recognize, second place recipient, Ethan Sosa, grade seven of Dr. Walter F. Robinson Community School; and third place overall, Nachiketh Anand, grade eight of Lincoln Community School. I would also like to acknowledge Jennifer Stein, District coordinator, our judges and moderators for their commitment and dedication to our students.

Last evening I attended the Project Innovate Awards ceremony; which took place in the Alexander X. O'Connor Auditorium at Bayonne High School at 6:00 PM. *Project Innovate - Explore, Research, Discover* is a new STEM based research program geared towards the middle school grades. Each elementary school selected a team of students to work in the Bayonne High School AfA² STEM laboratories on a research question that was of personal interest to the team. Students designed an experiment and collected scientific data to test their question throughout the summer. The teams then presented their research findings to a panel of judges. The evening's winners were: 1st Place ~ Nicholas Oresko Community, 2nd Place ~ Midtown Community and 3rd Place ~ Dr. Walter F. Robinson Community. These teams will go on to represent the Bayonne School District at the Jersey City Medical Center/Barnabas Health STEM Showcase in 2017. Good luck to all our future scientists!

The month of December is a time to celebrate with loved ones and reflect on the past year while preparing for the New Year ahead. Over the next two months, take advantage of the holiday and winter concerts taking place in your child's school.

And finally, on behalf of the Bayonne Board of Education and Central Office Administration I wish you a safe and relaxing holiday season with friends and family and I am looking forward to a productive new year.

Sincerely,

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