

Superintendent's message of July 22, 2019

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. During the last few weeks, we've had great weather. The students in our Summer Programs are all working hard to gain knowledge, recuperate credits and enjoy enrichment opportunities. I would also like to make our students and their families aware that the district is working diligently in spite of our economic challenges to make sure that schools are ready to welcome you in September for another exciting school year.

At this time, our teachers and many of the administrators are enjoying a well-deserved vacation that is needed for rejuvenation, reflection, and inspiration. The task of teaching and learning is a complex and rigorous process. We have plans that will begin to be shared in August when the school leadership returns. The employees of the Jersey City Public Schools are a very talented staff that will be ready to begin the 2019-2010 school year. We know that, teachers are a valuable tool, in determining the future of our students. Therefore, every classroom will be staffed, class sizes will be reasonable and equitable across the district and administrators will be in place to begin the school year.

During the coming weeks, the teachers whose non-renewal was rescinded will receive letters from Human Resources letting them know their assignment for the upcoming school years. The summer is a very busy time for the district as employees make plans for the upcoming school year. We have also posted for a limited number of teaching vacancies and everyone is invited to apply if you hold the required certification. Senior staff will meet with administrators beginning in August to share more details of the plans for the 2019-20 school year.

We are currently reviewing our practices for efficiency and if resources or funds become available, our priority is **"the classroom"** and providing programs and services for students.

I am committed to the students of the Jersey City Public Schools and in collaboration with the Board and the district's leadership our schools will be ready to welcome you in September.

Franklin Walker,
Acting Superintendent