



Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2024,

Welcome to the Bergen County Technical School District. We are proud that your children have chosen, with your support, to enroll in the Bergen County Academies. During the next four years, your children will be immersed in a unique educational experience that combines rigorous academic, technical, and professional courses to prepare them for success in college and the global workforce.

Our district continually strives to create an environment that stimulates curiosity, rewards hard work, engenders respect for others in our culturally diverse community, and challenges students to attain and often exceed their academic goals. We place great emphasis on the role of citizenship, providing opportunities for students to become responsible citizens through volunteer projects within the Bergen Tech community and wider Bergen County community.

At the Academies your children will have a wide range of extracurricular activities from which to choose, including athletics, clubs, competitions, and student government. Academic options include participation in scientific and technological research projects, engagement in international partnership programs through our Global Education Initiative, and enrollment in dual credit courses. Your children can explore their artistic, musical, technological, and academic interests through an extensive array of electives both within and outside their chosen program of study. Community service projects and internships present opportunities for students to apply their knowledge and skills in hands-on, real-world settings. Encourage your children to make the most of their high school years through involvement not only with their school community but also with the Bergen County community and beyond.

I urge all parents to become involved with the PPO. It is a wonderful way to meet other parents and to participate in the many events that take place throughout the school year. Participation affords parents the ability to contribute to and engage in their child's high school experience in a rewarding and enjoyable way.

During these extraordinary times, our school Task Force continues to work with local and state agencies to prepare to reopen school in September. The health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff are of the utmost importance as we continue to refine our plans in accordance with state guidelines. The district will be notifying parents in early August to apprise them of the reopening plans and safety protocols for the new school year.

Enjoy your summer. We look forward to welcoming you and your children in September.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Lerner".

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.
Superintendent