



## BERGEN COUNTY ACADEMIES

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

With summer upon us, we look back on a school year like none we've experienced before. We began the year with our theme of "Believe Create Achieve" and looked forward to a year filled with all that we have come to value at our school. Our students excelled inside and outside of the classroom in so many ways. We celebrated our diversity through our International Day of Acceptance, and we renewed our commitment to Mental Wellness with additional support for students, including the introduction of therapy dogs.

In mid-March, when we suddenly had to close our school building and move quickly to virtual learning, our teachers and students collaborated through Zoom and continued to work hard for the remainder of the year. Our students demonstrated their resilience and resourcefulness and continued to excel, both in and out of their virtual classrooms. They found creative ways to keep in touch, support one another and stay strong. I am so proud of our community for their ability to adapt and face this challenge with strength and optimism.

As we get closer to the beginning of the new school year, we will provide you with updates and guidelines for our return to school. Our plans will include strategies to maintain social distancing and other measures to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Our procedures will meet state guidelines and will take into consideration the unique nature and needs of our community. School will probably look different in September, but we are looking forward to bringing our community back together.

On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, I wish you a happy and healthy summer.

*See you in September!*

Sincerely,

Russell Davis  
Principal