

**SPARTA TOWNSHIP**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Community Members:

*It is with sincere enthusiasm that I write this community letter as I begin my new role as Superintendent of Schools. As I enter my twenty-fifth year in our school district, I am extremely excited about the prospect of working with a school community that plays such an important role in the educational process of our district's nearly 3,700 students. Research indicates that in successful school districts education must be a partnership among schools, parents, students, and the community at large. To that extent, we must share the same vision of school success that includes common goals, standards and expectations.*

*In order to have a shared vision for school success, we must develop a process of communication that is based upon open, honest and ongoing dialogue. One of my goals in this first year will be to establish an effective process of communication between my office and our school community. To that end, in addition to our formal monthly Board of Education meetings, I will be conducting informal Superintendent Forums during the months of September, November, February and May (dates and times will be announced at a later time). These forums will allow community members the opportunity to discuss matters of our school district in a relaxed and informal setting. In addition to the Superintendent Forums, we will continue to effectively communicate any and all pertinent school information via our school website, as well as through our Genesis email and Honeywell instant alert systems. Lastly, we will conduct a community school survey this year to learn what items the stakeholders of Sparta feel are important as we move forward.*

*As your Superintendent of Schools, I want to emphasize that we will accept nothing less than the highest of standards when it comes to achievement in the areas of academics, co-curricular programs and conduct within our school district. We will all take great pride in the manner in which we represent the Sparta school district and community.*

*The continued building of partnerships with our district families and community stakeholders will be vital to the success of our schools. I urge each of you to make the decision and commitment to be a positive contributing member of the Sparta school community.*

*Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Schools Superintendent and I wish everyone an enjoyable summer vacation!*

Sincerely,



Dennis Tobin  
Sparta School District  
Superintendent of Schools

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