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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope this message finds you and your families enjoying the long summer break. We have been very busy at the Long Beach Island Grade School and Ethel A. Jacobsen School, and we are working hard to make sure our school community is ready to have an amazing school year. We would like to take time to say thank you to our Board of Education, Teachers, Office Staff, and Custodians for everything accomplished over this summer to prepare for the 2023-2024 school year.

During the upcoming school year, our district will continue to focus on student learning and achievement. Parents, teachers and administration continue to meet during curriculum committee meetings to take a close look at instruction to leverage those strategies that have been shown to increase social, emotional and student learning. Curricula are continually being revised to reflect standards-aligned best practices in STEAM.

We are looking forward to developing opportunities for authentic learning at both schools. In addition, we continue to articulate with nearby school districts and Southern Regional Schools on curriculum and resources as we assist students in navigating their upcoming middle school years. As a school community, we are committed to promoting more opportunities for families to engage in fun learning activities and experiences for students to help them achieve their fullest potential.

New Family Orientations are scheduled as follows:

LBI Grade School-Gr. 3-6; August 22nd at 9 a.m.
EJ School-PreK - August 23rd at 10 a.m.
EJ School-Kindergarten - August 23rd at 12 p.m.
EJ School-Grades 1 & 2 - August 24th at 11 a.m.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th, and it is an early dismissal day (EJ School - 1:00 and LBI Grade School - 1:10). The rest of the week will be full days (September 6-8).

Back-to-School Nights are as follows:

September 6th EJ School:
Preschool and Kindergarten: 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Grades 1 & 2: 6:30-7:00

September 7th LBI Grade School:
Grade 3: 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Grade 4: 6:45 to 7:15 p.m.
Grade 5: 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Grade 6: 6:45 to 7:15 p.m.

You should receive homeroom assignments and transportation information via mail next week. Please review this information and look to the district's website at www.lbschools.org for additional information.

The Long Beach Island Parent Teacher Association (LBI PTA) provides many programs and events throughout the school year to enhance school life for our students. The first PTA Meeting of the 2023-2024 school year is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st at 4 p.m. at Sunset Park in Harvey Cedars (1 West Salem Avenue). All are welcome to attend.

In the meantime, enjoy the remaining days of summer, and we look forward to seeing you on the first day of school.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Kopack, Superintendent

Mr. Frank Birney, EJ Principal/Director of Special Education