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Dear Tewksbury Public Schools Families,

I want to thank all parents and guardians, family members, and students for your outstanding efforts in navigating a complex set of issues that were put upon all of us as a result of the current COVID – 19 pandemic. The dedication of our students and strong support from family members have made all the difference in successfully reaching the end of the school year – congratulations and thank you all!

Unfortunately, the specifics of what school may look like this fall remains delayed as we all await specific mandates from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, hopefully coming next week. Our leadership team has been working daily to prepare for this guidance and on approaches to meet the anticipated requirements. The district will engage stakeholders as that process continues. I certainly understand that there is significant parent concern around the wearing of masks and other thinking that has come from the State level. We are in the beginning stages of creating a stakeholder-working group to assist in preparing for the opening of school in the fall. We will be sure to message out any and all information provided from the State.

I would also like to announce that the TMHS Interim Principal Search Committee completed two days of interviews resulting in the successful appointment of Mr. Jon Bernard. He will serve as the TMHS Interim Principal for the 2020-2021 school year beginning on July 1, 2020. Mr. Bernard comes to us as a recently retired Superintendent of Schools in North Reading with almost twenty years of high school administration experience. We are confident that Mr. Bernard will not only be of great assistance navigating next year's opening of school but will also help in the formal search for a new TMHS principal for the 2021-2022 school year.

Again, we realize these are somewhat uncharted waters we are beginning to navigate and the information will likely change rapidly. We are committed to ensuring that we keep families informed of these changes as we work to ensure our priority of student safety is maintained, while providing high quality instruction for students and less disruptions for families.

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I am hopeful that our continued collaboration will keep our children and their families safe and healthy during this pandemic. In addition, we will continue to work as a team to address social injustice and racism as a priority.

Thank you again for all your support in completing a very challenging school year.

Sincerely,

*Chris Malone*

Christopher J. Malone  
Superintendent of Schools

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Middlesex County District Attorney's Office: Resources that highlight the importance of water safety.

[Water Safety Video](#)

[Pool Safety In the Time of COVID-19](#)

[Water Safety Brochure](#)

[Summer Safety Brochure](#)

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