



Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Families,

As the holiday season approaches, I find myself reflecting on the many ways our school community continues to rise above challenges and soar together. Though this year has brought its share of budget constraints, difficulty filling positions, new state mandates, and space limitations, the resilience and commitment of our students, teachers, and families have been nothing short of inspiring.

The theme for our district this year is **"Together We Fly"**. In many ways, this simple phrase captures the essence of what we have accomplished together, despite the challenges we face. Just as birds fly in formation, supporting one another along the journey, our community has found strength in working toward a common goal: providing the very best education for our students.

While our district, like many others, has had to navigate financial limitations and adjust to additional state requirements, the passion and dedication of our teachers continue to amaze me. Even with limited resources and classroom space, our educators have gone above and beyond to create meaningful, engaging learning experiences for every student. They inspire, challenge, and support our children, fostering curiosity, resilience, and a love for learning that will stay with them long after they leave our classrooms.

Our students, too, continue to make me incredibly proud. Whether it's through their academic achievements, their growth as individuals, or the way they support one another, they are demonstrating every day what it means to be part of something greater than themselves and the attributes of our portrait of a hornet. Their efforts remind me that our mission—despite any challenges—is succeeding: we are helping shape confident, thoughtful, and compassionate young people who will one day lead our communities.

None of this would be possible without the incredible partnership we have with you, our families. The support you provide—whether it's through helping with schoolwork, attending events, volunteering, or simply cheering your child on—plays a crucial role in the success of our school community. I am so grateful for each of you.

2025 will also bring changes to our Board of Education. As they prepare to end their terms, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Lauren Verdi and Mr. Doug Jandoli for their time and dedication to the board of education. I am so grateful for the role each of them played in helping to move our district forward. Additionally, I would like to welcome returning members, Desiree DiBuono and Janine Barone.

As we look ahead to 2025, I know that we will continue to fly higher, and together, we will ensure our children reach their full potential. On behalf of the entire school district team, I want to wish each of you a peaceful and joyful holiday season. May this time of year bring rest, renewal, and plenty of moments to cherish with those you love.

Warm regards,

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