March 2, 2020

Dear Brick Township Public Schools Community,

It is with great humility and pride that I begin my role as the new Superintendent for the Brick Township Public Schools. I am honored and excited to begin my journey in Brick and to work with the Administration, Staff, Students, Parents, and Community.

Brick Township Public Schools is about Tradition, Inspiration, and Excellence. This will be the foundation upon which WE will work to meet the challenges that lie ahead. I am confident that together WE will move forward with both optimism and preparedness. Optimism for the best regarding our children’s educational future and preparedness with the expectation that WE can overcome any obstacle as long as WE work together. Henry Ford said it best when he said, “Coming together is a BEGINNING; Keeping together is PROGRESS; and Working together is SUCCESS”.

As I stated when I was approved for this position, I am committed to being here in Brick and working with all of you in the best interest of students, staff, parents, and the community. I really believe that it is not popular programs or large school budgets that make great school districts; it is people…in particular relationships. Even more specific, teacher-student relationships. I want to continue to foster that environment where young people thrive. In the end, it's all about the student-teacher relationship and if all of our decisions are student-centered, we will succeed.

We all know Brick Schools have some challenging times ahead, but there is so much talent amongst us -- a caring community, involved parents/guardians, energetic and active Board of Education, professional staff, and hard-working students -- together, I know we will persevere.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Thomas G. Farrell
Superintendent of Schools