



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The end of this school year is quickly approaching with the final arrival of warm weather. Already we are preparing to induct the Class of 2018 and bid farewell to our 2014 graduates. On behalf of Bergen County Technical Schools Administration, I wish to extend our best wishes to the families of our graduating students as they move on to this next exciting phase of their children's lives.

Just this past week we hosted eight students and two teachers from Kokutaiji High School in Hiroshima, Japan. The delegation toured our classrooms and labs and observed demonstrations of student work in the Engineering lab and in Mr. Liva's class. They also participated with our students in a video conference with Dr. Charlie Camarda from NASA to discuss the ICED project involving asteroid capture and harvesting. NASA has announced this year a plan to capture and retrieve an asteroid as an intermediate step toward the President's goal of sending a human to an asteroid by 2025. The students held a brainstorming session to develop a collaborative project around the study of asteroids, which will be conducted through Skype calls and further school visits. These international collaborations allow students from both countries to learn about each other's culture, values, and traditions while expanding academic opportunities. We are proud of the partnerships we have been able to establish and look forward to building on these successes as we prepare students to succeed in a global economy and workforce.

Sincerely,

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent