



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome our new students and families to the Bergen County Academies, and say hello again to our returning families. Even though we are only in the third week of the school year, I've observed students and staff fully immersed in academic pursuits and extracurricular activities. My congratulations to the 35 students who have been recognized as National Merit® Scholarship Semifinalists and three students who have been honored as National Achievement® Scholarship Semifinalists.

This year we are building on our commitment to educate the whole child by cultivating a positive school environment that supports the academic, social, and emotional growth of each student. Events and activities are planned for each month, beginning in September when we will host a presentation for freshman parents. Dr. Tom Kersting will be our moderator, leading discussions on topics such as balancing extracurricular activities with academics and learning stress-relieving relaxation techniques. Parents who have children in upper grades will have an opportunity to share their tips on helping students transition from middle school to high school. I urge all freshman parents to attend this informative event on September 25.

As always, I urge you to be actively involved with the PPO. Through your participation in the many activities and events sponsored by this wonderful organization, you can contribute to your child(ren)'s high school experience in a meaningful and enjoyable way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard Lerner".

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.
Superintendent