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Dear Bulldogs,

It has certainly been an exciting start to the school year! As we move deeper into the fall, I continue to be encouraged by the momentum building across Glassboro Public Schools. September gave us many reasons to celebrate, but it also reminded us that the most important work of our school district happens when dedicated professionals, data-informed instruction, and our community's hope for a brighter future come together.

Our Pathways of Promise partnership with Rowan University continues to expand and is already benefiting our community. Thirty-six Glassboro High School seniors have now earned direct admission to Rowan. Each of these students automatically qualified for an annual merit scholarship of at least \$4,000, with some students eligible for awards of up to \$10,000 annually based on GPA. Students with GPAs above 3.5 also automatically qualify for admission to Rowan University's Honors Program.

There is something especially meaningful about seeing Glassboro students gain access to these opportunities right here in their hometown. Pathways of Promise was built around the belief that proximity should create opportunity, and we are beginning to see that promise become real for our students.

September was an exciting month for our Glassboro High School Marching Band. The band earned first place in Class I at the Clearview Regional competition, along with awards for Best Music and Best General Effect. They followed that performance with another first-place finish at the October 3 competition hosted by Millville High School, where they again earned recognition for Best Music.

Our athletics programs are also off to a roaring start this fall! Coach Breaker's back-to-back state champions have opened the season 6-1, despite competing against several larger programs across South Jersey. Girls Tennis earned a big win over Williamstown, while Girls Soccer picked up an impressive victory over Salem Tech. Boys Soccer has also notched recent wins over Salem and Pitman, and Field Hockey delivered a dominant 7-0 win over Deptford last week. Last but certainly not least, Boys Cross Country has picked up right where it left off last year, earning four strong wins so far this fall.

While those accomplishments deserve celebration, much of our October work is focused squarely on teaching and learning.

Our Bulldogs recently completed fall i-Ready diagnostic assessments, giving us valuable information about where students are beginning the year and where additional support may be needed. Families will soon receive their student's individual score reports, giving our clearest picture yet of where strengths and areas for growth exist. With the courage of transparency, we offer these new data-informed reports to help families and staff work together to improve academic performance in all areas. Our initial look at last year's standardized assessment data looks promising, and a full public report will be done in the coming weeks.



This work connects directly to our district instructional framework, Teaching with PRIDE: Planning, Rigor, Informed Instruction, Differentiation, and Engagement. In particular, our October professional learning emphasized the Informed Instruction and Differentiation components of that framework. Our goal is not simply to collect more data. It is to help teachers understand what the data is telling us and respond in ways that strengthen instruction for individual students. That will continue to be a major focus throughout this school year.

We remain committed to our Bulldog Promise for improved school buildings, as well. The Joseph Bridgani Sr. Gymnasium at Bowe Middle School is just a few weeks away from completion and a rededication ceremony will be held to celebrate the completely renovated gymnasium and to honor its namesake's impact on our school community.

As we look ahead, we will continue building Pathways of Promise, strengthening our instructional systems, supporting our educators through meaningful professional learning, and creating more opportunities for students inside and outside the classroom.

There is much to be proud of in Glassboro, and there is equally important work still ahead. On behalf of the Board of Education and its President, Mr. Chris Esgro, thank you to our students, staff, families, and community partners for continuing to move that work forward - together.

Yours in Service,



Al Lewis, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

