



## HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### *Office of the Superintendent*

May 26, 2022

Dear Holmdel Public Schools Community,

I hope this finds you all well and readying yourselves for a long, safe, and restful holiday weekend.

Today I had an opportunity to stop by the 2nd grade's Beach Day event. First, I would like to thank our terrific staff for putting this together for our little folks. I tried my hand at some sidewalk art; keep an eye out for the octopus with six tentacles. All kidding aside, it was a heartwarming event, as we welcomed parent volunteers to take part, the kids were having so much fun. In light of this week's tragedy in Texas, I think I can speak for all present that our hearts were filled with an even greater level of gratitude, thanksgiving, and hope.

As part of my superintendent's report, I made a statement with regard to the tragic occurrences in Uvalde, Texas this week. I have linked the [written transcript](#) and would invite you to review it at your convenience. The audio recording of the meeting can be accessed through the following [link](#). My remarks begin at the 25:50 minute mark and conclude at 35:42.

The board convened a public meeting last night as we welcome new administrators to the district, Mr. Sean McCauley, a new high school Assistant Principal and Mr. Michael Casale, our new Supervisor of Athletics Health and Physical Education. We welcome these newest leadership team members to our school community and wish them the best of luck. We also wish High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Ferrarese all the best as he moves on to a principal position in another district and thank him for his service. As shared earlier in the week by Mrs. Vitale and Ms. Farese with their school communities, the district is making some adjustments to its administrative "lineup" for next school year. We thank Mrs. Vitale and Ms. Farese for their service to the Village and Indian Hill Elementary schools. They are looking forward to these new opportunities and roles. Information with regard to future "meet and greets" at each school will be forthcoming next week.

Looking ahead, the last day of school will be June 21, 2022. As a reminder to our community, this will be a half day of school for students. Please be sure to check the district website for the early release schedule or contact your child's school with any questions.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone all the best for a safe and restful Memorial Day weekend. Please join me in honoring and remembering all those brave Americans who laid down their lives in defense of our nation and the freedoms which we hold so dear. As we gather this weekend for barbecues, ball games, and beach days, please be sure to take a quiet moment either individually or with your family to remember and acknowledge that which we observe and honor this weekend: the ultimate sacrifice.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them." –John F. Kennedy

I look forward to seeing you all in June for the final weeks of the school year and thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. J. Scott Cascone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. J. Scott Cascone