



Back to School Update

Dear Jenkintown,

The school year is off to a phenomenal start, and it's great to see our students back in our classrooms. On behalf of our entire staff and our Board of School Directors, thank you for your continued support for our students and our District. We are very excited to be celebrating our District's 150th Anniversary this year, and have a full schedule of events and activities to involve our full school community. Stay tuned for more information.



While we know that our teachers, staff, and programs are among the very best in the region, and we have so much to be proud of, we are committed to continual improvement and always looking at ways to strengthen our District. I'm very happy to share a high-level summary of our goals for this school year. Enjoy the beautiful weather, and I look forward to seeing you at our school events this fall!

Sincerely,
Dr. Jill Takacs, Superintendent

Our District Goals for 2024-25

Continue to Strengthen Academic Supports for Students

- Continue to analyze student performance data to identify strengths and areas where we can improve our supports.
- Collaborate as a teaching staff to ensure student progress is regularly updated and monitored, and feedback for students is as timely and meaningful as possible
- Share student and teacher success stories and points of pride at staff meetings and School Board meetings.



Expand Co-Curricular Offerings

- Develop new and/or improved clubs, activities, and organizations that cater to diverse student interests and passions.
- Propose and facilitate improved club offerings for 2024-2025 that reflect the current interests of the student body, with an emphasis on adding more co-curricular opportunities for elementary school students.
- Foster a supportive environment that encourages student collaboration, leadership, and personal growth through co-curricular experiences.

Strengthen Curricular Programs

- Update our Science and Technology Curriculum to include the latest Pennsylvania standards in Science, Technology Engineering, and Environmental Literacy Sustainability.
- Survey students and staff about potential new elective courses/programs for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Incorporate themes of inclusion, equity, and belonging into our curriculum.

Increase Staff Voice and Leadership

- Continue to foster a supportive environment that encourages collaboration, leadership, and personal growth for all staff.
- Establish a districtwide Professional Learning Committee, to plan and create varied learning opportunities, including workshops and training led by teacher leaders, as well as off-site experiences.
- Expand teacher leadership opportunities through various committees, including student supports in the areas of academics, wellness, social and emotional health, and safety.
- Develop increased collaboration time for teachers, both internally and across the region.



Jenkintown staff members were welcomed back with a breakfast before the start of the school year.

