



Galloway Township Public Schools

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Dear Galloway Families:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Here in the district, we have been busy preparing for the opening of school and are eager to see the children. This year we continue to balance social-emotional wellness, academic learning & progress, and physical health & safety. Know that our faculty, administration, staff, and Board of Education remain committed to educating your children and supporting families.

Please note the following information (**All information may not apply to preschool students at Head Start and Garden State Academy. Look for information from those schools**):

- The **first day of school** is Wednesday, September 7th, an early dismissal day.
 - The Galloway Township Middle School dismisses at 12:20pm and all other schools, including Pomona Preschool, and Arthur Rann, Reeds Road, Roland Rogers, & Smithville Elementary Schools, dismiss at 1:30pm.
 - In grades Preschool (in-district) through 6th, child care is available before and after school starting on September 7th. For more information, [visit our website](http://www.gtps.k12.nj.us) or contact Mr. Todd Loveland at lovelandt@gtps.k12.nj.us or 609-748-1250, ext. 1029. Pre-registration is required.
- For those children that receive transportation, **bus passes were mailed**. Please contact your child's(ren's) school or Mrs. Debbie Kaufmann at kaufmannnd@gtps.k12.nj.us or 609-748-1250 ext. 1004 if you have any questions.

Annual Registration Process:

Prior to the start of each school year, parents/guardians will need to complete the electronic annual registration process through OnCourse for each child enrolled in the district. This process includes reviewing basic information about your child, reviewing and signing off on important documents such as the district handbook and print media form, and completing the lunch application form.

Starting this school year, families must complete the **annual registration process** in order to learn their child's teacher(s). Please follow the process below:

- **RETURNING Students:** Login to OnCourse Connect using the following address: <https://gtps.oncourseconnect.com> . If you forgot your password, you can click the "forgot password" link at the bottom of the OnCourse Connect login site.
- **NEW Students:** You will receive a separate email with your login information and your OnCourse credentials. Upon completion of the annual registration process, please check back for your child's teacher(s) and schedule, if not complete.

Note: Parent/guardian login and child logins are different. Students (K-8) will receive their login credentials from their homeroom teacher in school.

Attached for your information are the following items which we ask that you review prior to the first day of school:

- [District Student-Parent/Guardian Handbook 2022-2023](#)
- [2022-2023 School Calendar](#)
- [Health Flyer & When to Stay Home](#)
 - We are currently awaiting updated guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health. Any changes to health and safety protocols will be communicated via separate correspondence.

Parental Involvement:

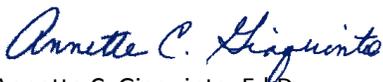
The home-school connection is more important than ever, and we encourage your active participation in the educational process. First and foremost, this is the relationship with your child's(ren's) teachers as well as the school's administration and staff. Additionally, each school's Family School Association (FSA) is a great way to get involved. Information about FSA will be provided at the start of school and on Back-to-School Night. At the district level, you are always welcome at Board of Education meetings, and I also invite you to join the following committees:

- **District Community Advisory** - this group, which started a decade ago, meets several times a year to discuss a variety of instructional and non-instructional topics. The members have input on important topics to our children's education, safety, and overall well-being.. Email or call my Administrative Assistant, Heather Harris, if you are interested in joining. harrish@gtps.k12.nj.us or 609-748-1250, ext. 1016.
- **Equity Team** – this group, newly formed last year, meets several times a year to look at equity issues and help ensure a welcoming and respectful educational experience for our students, their families, and our staff. This year, the Equity Team will work to follow-up on the results of an Equity audit completed last year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Dr. Michael Hinman. hinmanm@gtps.k12.nj.us or 609-748-1250, ext. 1007.
- **Special Education Parent Advisory Committee** –this group, which is mandated by IDEA and has been in existence for several decades, meets at various times throughout the school year to discuss topics relative to special education law, current district programs, resources for families, and advocacy topics. This committee is open to any parent who has a child with an IEP. Please join Dr. Jennifer Baldwin and her staff for any of the announced meetings.
- **Early Childhood Advisory Committee** - this group, which has also existed for many years, focuses on the education of our youngest learners and meets a few times during the school year. The committee work is guided, in part, by the NJ Department of Education Early Childhood requirements as well as in-district needs and member input. If you are interested in joining, please contact Dr. Michael Hinman. hinmanm@gtps.k12.nj.us or 609-748-1250, ext. 1007.

As previously announced, I am retiring as of December 31st. While there is a level of excitement about starting the next phase of my life, this is also a difficult step for me. With nearly 40 years in public education, I will have spent the past 29 here in Galloway and feel such a strong connection to the students, families, staff, and community and look forward to seeing you this fall. Hopefully, you saw the letter from our Board President Carmen shared earlier this month. On August 8th, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Stephen Santilli as my successor effective January 1st. During the next several months, Mr. Santilli will be visiting Galloway, and I will be working with him for a smooth transition. Please look for future information about opportunities to meet him.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me at giaquintoa@gtps.k12.nj.us or 609-748-1250, ext. 1016. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and see you in September!

Sincerely,



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