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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As we embark on a new academic year, I am delighted to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you. The 2023-2024 school year promises to be one filled with excitement, growth, and endless possibilities for our students.

This is a great time to be a part of the West Deptford School District. If you are new, welcome to our treasure in Gloucester County, where every student can find the resources and support they need. If you are returning, welcome back! As the Superintendent, there is no better feeling than the start of a new school year. We are all part of the West Deptford family and share in the excitement and anticipation that comes with our students being back in the classroom. Please see the attached [2023-2024 District Calendar](#) for important dates.

Our dedicated team of educators and staff have been working tirelessly to create an enriching and nurturing environment that fosters curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning. Together, we are committed to providing your children with an exceptional educational experience that empowers them to explore their interests, overcome challenges, and flourish both academically and personally.

This year, we are thrilled to introduce new programs, initiatives, and opportunities that will further enrich your child's educational journey. Our focus remains steadfast on inspiring a passion for knowledge, cultivating critical thinking skills, and nurturing well-rounded individuals who are prepared to thrive in an ever-evolving world. We believe that education is a collaborative effort that involves students, parents, teachers, and the entire community. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in your child's success, and we are excited to partner with you to create a positive and inclusive educational experience.

Throughout the year, you can expect open lines of communication, regular updates on your child's progress, and a range of engaging activities that promote family involvement. We encourage you to attend school events, parent-teacher conferences, and our sporting events to stay connected and to actively participate in your child's learning journey.

Over the summer our transportation department was extremely busy preparing for the new year. As you may be aware, this is the first year that West Deptford School District will be running our own full fleet of buses. This has been a challenging, yet exciting undertaking, as we prepare for the school year ahead. All of our new buses have arrived in our bus yard and we are ready to go. Over the next week, you should begin to receive your child's bus route number, pick-up location, and pick-up times to school.

Pride, Passion, and a Commitment to Excellence

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This year we are welcoming back CHARTWELLS food service management company who will be providing our students with their hot/cold breakfasts and lunches. We are strongly urging ALL parents, whether you feel you are qualified or not, to [complete a Free/Reduced Application](#). For your convenience, we do have an online version which provides instant determination. A school messenger will be sent out at the **beginning of next week** which will provide more clarity, and will include your student's ID number, which is needed to complete the application.

Pricing for the 2023-2024 school year is as follows:

Lunch:

Elementary Students	\$2.95
Elementary Staff	\$4.25
Middle/High Students	\$3.20
Middle/High Staff	\$4.25
Pre-School Milk	\$0.35

Breakfast:

Elementary Students	\$2.15
Elementary Staff	\$3.00
Middle/High Students	\$2.30
Middle/High Staff	\$3.00

As we embark on this new school year together, let us celebrate the boundless potential that each student possesses. With your partnership and our commitment, we are confident that the 2023-2024 school year will be one of growth, achievement, and joy. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children. We look forward to a year filled with memorable experiences, meaningful connections, and countless moments of discovery.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Gismondi". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brian C. Gismondi, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools