

WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear WTPS Community:

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It is my pleasure to announce that last night, at our February 13, 2024 Business Meeting of the Board of Education, Ms. Kelly Bond – who has served as our *Director of Special Services* since January 2022 – was appointed as *Assistant Superintendent of Special Services*. This transition is a demonstration of the WTPS Board of Education's unwavering support of special services and steadfast commitment to foster the needs of all learners. Ms. Bond brings a wealth of experience and dedication to her expanded role. In addition to serving as WTPS' *Director of Special Services*, Ms. Bond's additional experiences include *Director of Special Education* in East Brunswick Public Schools, *Supervisor of Special Education*, *Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant* (LDTC), and *Classroom Teacher*. Her professional experience and deep understanding of special education, coupled with her proven leadership renders her exceptionally well-suited for the position of *Assistant Superintendent of Special Services*. Ms. Bond is deeply committed to the children and staff of WTPS; this commitment is evidenced by her daily actions and advocacy for innovative programming. Ms. Bond wishes to share the following with our community:

"I would like to thank the Board of Education for this opportunity. I am dedicated to implementing inclusive practices to ensure all students have access to high quality academic instruction, robust extracurricular offerings, and individualized social-emotional supports. I intend to continue building a community where all children are empowered to reach their fullest potential."

Please join me in extending our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Bond as she transitions to her new role, effective March 1, 2024.

I also wish to highlight some other items that may be of interest to you following last night's Board of Education meeting. Next year's school calendar was approved and is available on the District's website (or <u>click here</u>). Last night, Ms. Jennifer McCann, *Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction* provided the Board of Education with a mid-year update on our 2023-2024 District Strategic Goals. Should you be interested in reviewing this year's detailed progress thus far, <u>click here</u>. Additionally, the annual audit was presented to the Board of Education. The 2022-2023 audit will be available on the Business Department's page on our District's website shortly.

I hope that you and your family are having a healthy and happy winter season.

Sincerely.

Tracy R. Handerhan, D.Litt. Superintendent of Schools