



Dear Tewksbury Township School Community,

On behalf of the Tewksbury Education Foundation (TEF), welcome to the 2020-21 school year!

As we plan for a beginning like no other we have seen in the past, the TEF's mission will still be to ensure that every child receives an educational experience enriched by new learning opportunities.

Spring of 2020 challenged staff and students to find a new normal for learning and connected us in new ways. As Fall of 2020 kicks off, we'd like to acknowledge the expertise our administrators and teachers bring to Tewksbury Township School District and the ways in which our students continue to work hard to grow inside and outside the walls of their school buildings. Despite the circumstances Tewksbury Township School District has proven that it is, and will continue to be, a resilient and robust school community that cares for one another.

Normal is such a simple word and it is the goal of the TEF to not only help our district find our new normal, but to use this time as an opportunity - to reflect upon what has been offered in the past and identify what can be done to positively impact the learning environment this year and beyond.

In an effort to prioritize instructional time and limit visitors at our schools, the TEF is approaching this year somewhat differently than most. The academic, emotional and physical well-being of our students is our top priority. As such, we will not be offering in-person educational programs until further notice. Rather, we will work (virtually) hand in hand with district staff to find new types of learning experiences to bring to students and ways we can better support our teachers. This will be a unique challenge but one that we will meet head on.

Our fall may not be "normal," but our learning will not only continue, but it will thrive. As we enter the next phase of learning under COVID-19 we know that all returning and new students will be welcomed with open arms (from 6 feet away) to our "small but mighty" school community. The TEF is one of the community organizations that has served as a champion of Tewksbury Township public schools for the past 25 years. While this may be a year unlike the last twenty five, what remains the same is our desire to support you along this journey and continue to grow together.

We are always looking for innovative ways to enhance the educational experience of our students and staff. If you have feedback or ideas, please share them with us at <u>TewksburyTEF@gmail.com</u>. Thanks in advance for your support. Bring it on, 2020-2021!

Stay Well,

Allison Christian, Ed.D. Board President Stay tuned for more information about how we plan to achieve our mission and serve the school community. For more information about the TEF, please visit <u>www.TewksburyTEF.org</u> and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @TewksburyTEF.

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