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**Interim Superintendent of Schools**

**C. Lauren Schoen, Ed. D.**

April 12, 2022

Good afternoon West Orange Parents and Guardians,

I am glad to provide a few reminders and points of interest for our community of parents, guardians, and caretakers that I believe you will find helpful.

As you know, our district will close for Spring Break beginning with Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> with classes resuming on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. I am certain many of you are looking forward to this time to reconnect as a family and perhaps adjust the daily routine to allow for some much needed rest or relaxation. During this time period, however, our custodial staff who comprise the Buildings and Grounds department will spend spring break prioritizing a sanitization process throughout our buildings which will include changing all HVAC filters, cleaning out all HVAC units for indoor air quality relative to the COVID environment. Detailed cleaning and dusting is on the docket in addition to the detailed sanitization of each building.

Previously, on February 4th, a Preschool Expansion Update was provided to parents of the West Orange Community outlining the Preschool Expansion Committee's initial progress toward preschool expansion planning. This communication has been updated and is linked [here](#) detailing the committee's progress to date. The *Preschool Expansion Aid Parent Update* will be posted on the District's website. We look forward to providing a formal presentation which is scheduled for the Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022.

It has been just a little more than two weeks that I have had the pleasure of working alongside administrators, teachers, and staff on many projects and initiatives here in West Orange. Without hesitation, I can say that our team of educators is outstanding and it is clear that West Orange has a wonderful formula for success.

Please feel free to reach out, as I am glad to offer my assistance if I can help in any way. I welcome the occasion to connect with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Lauren Schoen".

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