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Dear Parents and Families,

We are pleased to announce that the Joseph R. Bolger Middle School has exited New Jersey Department of Education Focus Status after six years. This was accomplished through specific educational initiatives that are now being utilized throughout the district

However, our school district was recently notified by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) that Keansburg High School and the Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School have been identified as schools in need of Targeted support and improvement.

Expectations for a high-quality education are outlined in the federal education law, the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, and in New Jersey's corresponding state plan, which was developed in collaboration with parents, educators and broader community members throughout New Jersey. This state plan describes how the NJDOE must identify schools most in need of improvement and then work with the district to support schools so that each and every child can learn and thrive in the school community.

In the coming months, we will work as a community to look in-depth at the academic results of our students and, together with the input we gather from our educators and families, we will build a plan with specific student goals, action steps and timelines for improvement. This gives us a critical opportunity to utilize the resources we have at school, at home, and within our community to address the needs of our students along with the needs of our educators and families who support them.

The NJDOE remains committed to supporting our school community as we improve outcomes for our students. Specifically, the NJDOE will support us as we work with parents, families, teachers, and community groups to identify our needs. This partnership will help determine important strategies for improvement, and together we can create plans to improve.

I encourage you to learn more about the *Every Student Succeeds Act* by visiting the NJDOE's website at www.state.nj.us/education/ESSA; in addition, the NJDOE homepage www.state.nj.us/education provides links to other useful education information in the state of New Jersey.

You have my commitment, and that of all of our Keansburg educators, that the improvement status of Keansburg High School and the Joseph C. Caruso Elementary School will provide an opportunity for us as a community, to define our expectations for our students and to provide your child with the best opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed.

We invite you to attend an informational meeting on Thursday, February 1st 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Keansburg High School cafeteria.

Sincerely,
John Covert