## **The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools**

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Dear Scotch Plains-Fanwood Families:

Over the past few years, we have heard frequently from families regarding the need for greater access to highquality childcare options for their children at affordable prices. Accordingly, last year as part of our 2022-2025 "Strong Foundation, Stronger Future" strategic plan we made before and aftercare one of our key objectives.

I am happy to announce today that we are launching a new partnership with Right At School, a nationally recognized after-school provider that partners with many local districts, offering high quality programming for our families!

Here are some of the key benefits of this new partnership:

- Enhanced student experiences based on new and diverse programming.
- Right At School will <u>reduce tuition rates</u> across the board for all families by 15% to over 50%. For example, a family that uses the program full-time before- and after-school will save over \$167/month (over \$1500 per year!) for each enrolled child.
- Parents will <u>have increased flexibility</u>, as you will be able to sign-up for 1-5 days of care per week, meaning you only pay for what you need. New drop-in options will also be available for families who need the program periodically.
- Right At School will also work to increase access for our families in greatest need. Specifically, they will offer 100% free tuition for our families that receive free and/or reduced lunch.

Every day, students will have a healthy snack, engage in dynamic fitness activities, student-driven projects, team building, leadership development, and have the opportunity to complete homework. Right at School also features enriched programming, including "Getting Down to Business," where students are introduced to money and commerce; "Icky Experiments," where students experiment with sticky substances to learn chemistry; and "Variety Show," where students rehearse and perform individual talent acts.

A Parent Forum has been scheduled with **Right At School** for **Tuesday**, **January 24**<sup>a</sup> at **6:30 p.m.** at **Terrill Middle School**. This forum will help answer any questions you have about their program. You can also go to <u>www.rightatschool.com</u> for information about the program.

We are very excited to bring **Right At School** to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District as we believe this partnership has the potential to be a great service to our hardworking families.

Sincerely,

Joan Mast

Dr. Joan Mast Superintendent