



# Public Schools of Plainfield New Jersey

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Dear Plainfield Public Schools Administrators, Teachers, and Staff:

Welcome back to the 2022-23 school year! I cannot believe how fast the summer has flown by. To the new staff members, thank you for choosing Plainfield to grow and learn with us. To the returning staff, thank you for continuing to be a Champion for Plainfield Students and families. **This year everyone will focus on the Board's newly established District Goals:**

1. Increase the Plainfield HS graduation rate to 80%, year two, 85%, and 90% year three.
2. Implement methods for performance improvement so that all schools are out of status.
3. Improve school culture and climate.
4. Increase third-grade academics so that 100% of all third (3<sup>rd</sup>) graders participating in the Amira Reading Assessment are reading at grade level.
5. Report and reduce the number of student incidents by 50%.

The New School Year will officially kick off on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at Hub Stine with exciting speakers, outdoor giveaways, and a great breakfast and lunch sponsored by our community partners ShopRite and Maschio's. All employees are to report to Plainfield HS to "sign-in" in the cafeteria. There will be constant shuttle runs from the high school to Hub Stine Field. Program information for the day is attached to this letter.

During this year's administrative retreat, we discussed "Minding Your Own Bamboo." Bamboo is a symbol of longevity because of its durability, strength, flexibility, and resilience. It survives in the harshest conditions, still standing tall and staying green year-round. When the storm comes, bamboo bends with the wind and does not fall. I compare "Bamboo" to teaching and learning as those who work in education are flexible and are able to bend and be resilient for children at all times.

Our energetic and well-rested students will return to us on **Thursday, September 8, 2022**. ARE YOU READY! I am looking forward to seeing each of you on Thursday!

Sincerely,

Diana Mitchell, Ed.D. Superintendent  
A Champion for Students



PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# DISTRICT CONVOCATION

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022  
8:00AM

WELCOMING BACK OUR CHAMPION  
EDUCATORS!

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER • GIVEAWAYS • MUSIC •  
PERFORMANCES • LUNCH • RAFFLES**

**HUB STINE FIELD**

**1410 RANDOLPH ROAD, PLAINFIELD NJ 07060**

**\*\*ALL STAFF MUST REPORT TO PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL TO SIGN-IN FOR REGISTRATION.  
SHUTTLES FROM PHS PARKING LOT WILL BEGIN AT 7:30AM.**

**PROGRAM GUIDE**



**NOTE: INCLEMENT WEATHER ALTERNATIVE PLAN --  
PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
950 PARK AVENUE**

**SCHOOL CHAMPION T-SHIRTS REQUIRED!**  
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# Plainfield

## CONVOCAATION

September 1, 2022 8:00 AM- 12:30 PM

♥ PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS ♥  
CHAMPIONS FOR STUDENTS  
2022-2023 School Year Kickoff

8:00

### Meet & Greet

Arrival at Hub Stein Sports Complex & Continental Breakfast

9:30

### Inception

Student Performances: ROTC, Plainfield Band & Dancers

10:00

### Welcome

Josely Castro- BOE President  
Keith Coston-PEA President  
Dion Roach- PASA President  
Mark A. Williams - Asst. Superintendent  
Dr. Diana Mitchell- Superintendent

10:30

### Speaker

Dr. Peter Donnelly

11:00- 12:30

### Lunch

Enjoy catered lunch & DJ Bookeem

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Dr. Peter Donnelly, Maschios, ShopRite, Fill the Grill Food Truck

