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### **Mahwah Schools 2018-2019: Picking Up Where They Left Off...**

In completing a district-wide barbecue in June 2018, Mahwah Schools worked - in a collaborative effort - to consciously remind themselves of their hard work, collectively, in an end-of-year celebration. The reminder: Mahwah teachers, administrators, and support staff worked in the best interest of all Mahwah students.





This event required a collective effort, as well. Local eateries supplied donations and community businesses provided gift cards to assist in creating an event that was memorable, and undoubtedly, a success in showcasing the community's appreciation for the district's holistic efforts!

Opening day of the 2018-2019 school year presented an opportunity for the district to pick up just where they left off... **in celebration.** Teachers, administrators, school counselors, Child Study Team members, secretaries, paraprofessionals, custodians, and bus drivers gathered in the Mahwah High School auditorium. Mahwah's own Marching Thunderbirds and color guard performed in the aisles and on stage to their own rendition to Kool & The Gang's "Celebration." Students, in honor of their district, and in appreciation of the district's staff, prepared and performed for this very reason.



The presentation of the opening day ceremony continued with a video montage: where students spoke on-camera about teachers who have impacted their lives, teachers spoke about administrators' support, and administrators referred to various items of the district also worthy of publicly sharing.

The day's start to the 2018-2019 school year culminated in a student returning to the school district to address the district's staff as the keynote speaker. Mr. JJ Sass, from the Class of 2008, spoke specifically of the moments the district's staff created in contributing to his life as both a student in the district and as a human being.

Mahwah Public Schools, as a district, looks forward to a collaborative and memorable upcoming school year!

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