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Dear Voorhees Community,

I hope this email finds you well. As spring break quickly approaches, I would like to thank all our staff, students, and families for your cooperation and understanding during the 2021-2022 school year. I want to take this opportunity to update families on a few upcoming activities.

On April 27, 2022, all families will receive a district email from Sue Donnelly labeled "Teacher Appreciation Day." This email will include a form that all staff and families may complete recognizing a teacher or colleague during Teacher Appreciation Week. As part of "Teacher Appreciation Week" all comments will be shared with the appropriate staff members. We will be accepting comments from April 27, 2022, thru May 4, 2022.

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All students and staff will have the opportunity to participate in the "A Million Minutes in May" reading incentive program. All students and staff throughout the district will be challenged to read for one million minutes in the month of May. If the district completes this challenge, I have agreed to participate in one of the following:

- Get dunked by all principals in a dunk tank
- Jump out of an airplane
- Wear a Philadelphia Eagles Jersey all-day
- Get **SLIMED**

During May, families will receive an email from Sue Donnelly each Friday. Students/families will complete the electronic form recording minutes read for the previous week. Students will be updated each week on their progress towards one million minutes.

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Finally, I am reaching out to all families to please have a conversation with their child(ren) about the appropriate use of social media and cell phones. Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed an increase in the inappropriate use of social media by some students. We have identified that these incidents happen late in the evening or on weekends. When needed, the district will investigate any cases of inappropriate use of social media. These investigations may be done by school administration or turned over to law enforcement. Please note that these investigations can be time-consuming and remove our staff from performing their regular duties and interacting with our students.

Wishing all our staff, students, and families an enjoyable and restful spring break!

Respectfully  
Michael Redfearn  
Acting Superintendent