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Message to Our Community

The 2009 budget victory provides three important results for the Piscataway School District. First, we now have the ability to plan next year's school program with certainty. That is a big boost to our improvement efforts and new initiatives such as High School Redesign.

Second, Piscataway saw the largest margin of victory in a budget passage that anyone can remember! By a two to one margin, Piscataway residents approved a spending plan that shows significant support for our schools and our children.

Third, this budget process went a long way towards achieving our third strategic goal, a united community. I was never so proud to be a part of a group as I was last night, watching parents, teachers, board members and administrators dig in to tally Kids Vote results and wait patiently to hear the vote totals of the school election. This was a very special moment for everyone in our community – congratulations, Piscataway!

Finally, I want to welcome two new members of the Piscataway Board of Education, Jerry Szymonowicz and Tom Connors who previously served. Also, we congratulate the re-election of Margaret King. We celebrate the long service to the district of Dr. Paul Herman who retired this year after 12 years of Board involvement, and we thank Raj Kumar for his three years of service. We also appreciate all of the candidates' efforts – serving on a board of education is a non-paying but very important public calling.

Again, thanks to our community and keep involved!

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