

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Colleagues,

The summer of 2016 is just about coming to an end and soon you will be back to teaching Glen Rock Public School students! I hope that you spent the summer doing some of the things you love, exploring new destinations, reading and relaxing, etc. The qualitative time of summer is important and I hope that your summer met your expectations!

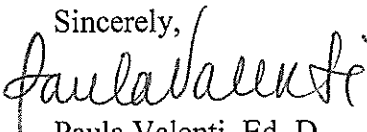
In September, you will find supplies arrived, facility projects completed, floors bright and shining and classrooms ready for you to begin the important work of educating Glen Rock students.

The opening day convocation will take place Thursday, September 1st at Glen Rock High School. A light breakfast will be served in the cafeteria and afterward we will gather in the auditorium for the general session. This year, the Board of Education has sponsored a special guest speaker - Travis Allen - and after lunch representatives from all grades will participate in professional development aimed at furthering Travis' message.

- 8:00 am – 9:00 amBreakfast
- 9:00 am.....General Session
- 11:00.....GREA Meeting
- 1:00 pm.....Professional Workshops

The district goals are included with this correspondence along with some information about Travis Allen. As we institutionalize the *Journey to Somewhere*, I ask that you *decide* to do your best each day, *commit* to excellence and *succeed* at accomplishing the Glen Rock mission. Thank you for choosing this noble profession and I look forward to working together for a rewarding school year!

I'll see you on September 1st.

Sincerely,

Paula Valenti, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

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GLEN ROCK IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

THE GLEN ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Glen Rock School District, an integral part of a supportive community founded on the principles of education, embraces its students as its highest priority by providing an exceptional education and opportunities for personal development of the whole child in a secure environment through a comprehensive, innovative and rigorous curriculum and co-curricular activities to foster productive and responsible citizens of the globally connected society.

2016-2017 GLEN ROCK DISTRICT GOALS

Student Achievement

- To expand Character Ed to the Middle School
- “Journey to Somewhere” – Institutionalize initiative
- To determine K-1 assessment of impact of kindergarten program on 1st grade readiness
- To review Career Development; expanding vocational aspect

Communication

- To develop a communication plan to include branding and social media

Technology

- To continue to use technology to make school relevant to the 21st century student

Planning

- To develop a 5 Year Strategic Plan and utilize it for future planning
- Assess Special Education initiatives



Glen Rock Public Schools Convocation 2016



Travis Allen, founder of the iSchool Initiative

Travis Allen is a young visionary promoting digital learning in the classroom. He is a senior at Kennesaw State University where he operates his growing organization, iSchool Initiative.

Travis has presented in over 40 states and 8 countries, allowing him to reach an audience of over 200,000 people! He has been featured on CNN and in the Huffington Post and Forbes.

In 2011, he was the winner of the Google Young Minds competition. In 2012, he was invited to the White House for Education Datapalooza; and in 2015 he won the GA Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Travis is quickly becoming one of the most influential leaders of the emerging digital learning movement.

For more information visit www.ischoolinitiative.com

The Glen Rock Board of Education
is pleased to announce
Opening Day guest speaker Travis Allen
who will address

“Becoming a Lifelong Learner”

Thursday, Sept. 1, 9 a.m.

GRHS Auditorium

The idea of being a lifelong learner is not new to those who work in education. However, the concept has an entirely new definition in today’s Information Age.

Travis Allen will share his thoughts on the need to create new skills while at the same time embracing our inner student. During his presentation, you will discover how schools, teachers and the students themselves unintentionally obstruct their own path for the best possible education.

Mr. Allen’s message of cultivating the right environment to move past these barriers will provide a springboard for the learning culture of the Glen Rock School District in 2016-17.

Following the convocation, Mr. Allen and his staff will hold two afternoon workshops:

- **“Becoming an Effective Communicator”**
- **“Can You Google That? Advanced Questioning”**

Limited staff will attend, then turnkey for colleagues.