



## Huntington Union Free School District

*"A Tradition of Excellence since 1657"*

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Huntington Families,

It is with a bit of disbelief that I draft this letter in late November. It seems like only a few breaths ago that we opened our doors to a group of bright-eyed students at the onset of a new school year. While it is difficult to predict many things, one thing is certain – time will march forward consistently despite any resistance.

In reflecting on the past three months, the amount of time that has passed becomes easier to comprehend. On a personal note, it has been among the most enjoyable starts to a school year that I have experienced. As a school community, we have so much for which to be thankful. The Huntington School District is blessed with students who are eager to learn and who genuinely care about each other. It is blessed with staff members who consistently encourage students to reach for the stars and who help establish our schools as a second home for all. It is blessed with families that value education and that provide enduring support for their children and our programs.

Again on a personal note, I am beyond thankful for the privilege of serving all of you for the past six years and look forward to many more great years ahead. I ask that you do your own reflecting during this Thanksgiving holiday and recognize all that we continue to accomplish together.

In the words of renowned anthropologist Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Imagine, then, the power of an entire school community. Never stop bELlieving!

Please enjoy the happiest and heartiest of Thanksgivings with family and friends! May it be the beginning of a joyous holiday season.

Warm regards,

James W. Polansky  
Superintendent of Schools