



Dear Students, Parents, and Huntington Community Members:

Welcome back!! With the new school year comes the excitement of new beginnings, as well as a breadth of new opportunities and challenges for all members of the Huntington community. Every student, parent, faculty/staff and community member possesses a vested interest in the success of our school system. I look forward to our working collectively to maximize student achievement and toward maintaining the integrity of district programs and services in a fiscally prudent manner. As expressed in the district's mission statement, it is our responsibility as a school community to provide a supportive learning environment and to build upon our students "unique talents and abilities to produce creative, self-assured responsible citizens who are capable of critical thought and action." Certainly this mission is something that we should not take lightly and one that together we must work to realize.

As a school district, we must see to it that our students are engaged in the learning process and that they strive for academic excellence. Our faculty and staff members play a critical role in a child's learning and will work collaboratively to address individual learning styles, talents, and needs. Additionally, our administrators welcome their accountability and leadership responsibility to each and every student and to members of every district constituency. Throughout the coming year and beyond, we ask that parents seize opportunities to become active participants in their children's education.

The Huntington School District is characterized by the strength of its traditions and a solid academic foundation. We are committed to building upon the tremendous work and achievements of our students and staff. We will tackle the challenges that lie in front of us with diligence and care. We will work resolutely toward strengthening the home-school connection. We will continue to solicit and appreciate the support provided by our community for our students and programs. We are determined to make tremendous progress toward seeing our vision and mission become a reality for all.

I wish you a productive, rewarding, and enjoyable 2011-2012 school year.

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Superintendent of Schools