



Huntington Union Free School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Colleague:

I sincerely hope that this letter finds you relaxed, refreshed, and eagerly anticipating the onset of the 2012-2013 school year. I'd like to take this opportunity to formally thank you for your efforts last year and for your commitment to the students of Huntington. Our students' achievements would not have been possible without your hard work and interest in their success.

Please note that Superintendent's Conference Day will take place on **Tuesday, September 4th**. I ask that all faculty/staff members report to **Huntington High School** by **8:00 a.m.** The day's program is outlined on the reverse side of this letter. Your building principal and/or department head will communicate with you further regarding specific information on the day's building and departmental components.

This is clearly a dynamic time in the field of education at both the state and local levels. The Common Core Standards and the new Annual Professional Performance Review process are primary among the items that we must address in transition. I'd like to thank those who contributed this summer in terms of curriculum writing and idea sharing. I remain steadfast in my belief that together we can tackle any challenge and make a genuine difference in the lives of each and every student in our charge.

It has been said that once an individual develops a passion for learning, he or she will never cease to grow. It is obvious that you have internalized this premise as educational professionals and that you will continue to promote the same passion among your students. Let us continue to help each student reach his or her academic and social potential. Let us also continue to maintain open channels of communication with students, parents, community members and each other.

It has been a busy, but productive summer in so many regards. Please join me in expressing appreciation to our buildings/grounds, clerical and technology staffs for their extensive efforts in completing a multitude of summer building projects and computer upgrades, and for readying our schools for a seamless opening.

Enjoy the final weeks of your summer vacation! I look forward to seeing you on September 4th and to a rewarding 2012-2013 school year.

Sincerely,

James W. Polansky
Superintendent of Schools

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