



## Huntington Union Free School District

*"A Tradition of Excellence since 1657"*

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Huntington Students, Staff, Parents and Community Members,

At this time of the year, I often find myself thinking about the things I value most – family and friends, education and the caring people with whom I work daily. I am reminded of how much we in the Huntington School District have to be grateful for – dedicated and inspiring instructional and support staff members in our schools, motivated and eager students, and involved and compassionate families, to name a few.

During the holiday season, our efforts and thoughts, once again, turn to giving. The season affords all of us a great opportunity to reflect on our blessings and realize the true meaning of the upcoming holidays. Huntington students and staff are very busy in December with schoolwork, performances and events. Despite their crowded schedules, they continue to find time to think of others and reach out to those less fortunate. I am consistently amazed and humbled by the abundance and variety of “giving” that occurs in our schools. I thank those involved for their passion, persistence and generosity.

I have been to numerous events over the last few weeks – honor society inductions, concerts and theater performances, award ceremonies, athletic contests and more. We have also had the privilege of hearing from and recognizing accomplished and dedicated students at Board of Education meetings in recent months. What stood out during each of these events was the look of pride on students’ faces. Additionally, the glow of pride surrounding the adults in attendance was equally as evident. For our staff members, I know the expression of satisfaction comes as they approach the end of a fall season filled with hard work and a sense of knowing that they continue to positively influence the lives of the young people with whom they work.

I am sure that you are ready for a vacation and the opportunity to enjoy the celebrations of the season with family and friends. On behalf of all of us in the Huntington School District, I’d like to extend our wish that you experience the genuine joy, peace and contentment of the season. Please enjoy a wonderful holiday break and a New Year filled with good health, happiness, hope and optimism.

Sincerely,

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