



## Huntington Union Free School District

*"A Tradition of Excellence since 1657"*

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Members of the Huntington School District Family,

It seems as if the same thought comes to mind at this time every year – where did the last three months go? We are certainly rolling into Thanksgiving with positive momentum and so much for which to be grateful. As the holiday approaches, we should all take a few moments to reflect and give thanks for our opportunities to start fresh each day with a group of children who are eager to benefit from our collective wisdom, compassion, kindness and desire to help them reach their potential. We should further appreciate our ability to listen to them, serve as their voices at times, and at others guide them toward becoming independent learners and contributing members of society.

The true meaning of Thanksgiving is the latter part of the word itself. While the day often provides a special time to regroup and enjoy a terrific meal, Huntington students continue to set the bar for placing the needs of others before their own. Whether it be through letter writing, food drives, fundraisers, community visits or other acts of volunteerism, children of all ages attending our schools understand the importance of kindness, giving back and paying it forward, particularly at but not limited to this time of year.

All of us should give thanks for the blessings that are our families, friends, colleagues and community. We should also be thankful for the occasional challenges that we face, as without them we might less easily recognize our strengths or true callings.

Words cannot effectively express my gratitude for the genuine privilege I possess with respect to engaging in this amazing work every day and for the opportunity do it in Huntington. On behalf of the Board of Education and Administration, I wish you the happiest of Thanksgivings and the most joyous of holiday seasons ahead.

Very truly yours,

James W. Polansky  
Superintendent of Schools