

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Guardians and School Community Members:

The ringing of school bells and the flashing lights of buses will soon signify the unofficial end of summer and the official commencement of the 2019-2020 school year. Personally, I am energized and excited for what will be my 20th opening of school here in Whitesboro. As I reflect back on those prior years, so much has changed so quickly. What hasn't changed is our steadfast commitment to our students and school community. It remains the time-tested foundation upon which we have built a robust educational program filled with unique and personalized learning experiences for each student.

On June 22, 2019, we bid a fond farewell to our class of 2019 – a class that has left a positive and indelible mark on our District. We are confident they have the skills necessary to navigate the next chapters of their lives. They will undoubtedly continue along the path of success they have walked with us for 13 years. In contrast, we will soon embrace and welcome a new kindergarten class filled with excitement and curiosity that will fuel their passion for learning and ours for teaching. With trepidation, they will enter our schools and classrooms and begin their 13-year journey with us. As bookends, these milestones frame our purpose and remind us of the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead.

Like our graduates and entering students, we have said goodbye to those who've retired and welcome those who are joining our District. In this issue, you will find a complete list of each. We wish the best to our retirees and warmly welcome our new staff.

As you can imagine, the past two months have been filled with preparatory work for the upcoming year. In addition to that which is typical, we have undertaken several special projects I would like to highlight.

Cameras

The District continues to make the health and safety of our students and staff a top priority. Over the past few months, new cameras were installed at both the High School and Middle School campuses. The presence and use of internal and external cameras are an integral part of the District's Safety and Security Program. Our building administrators, School Resource Officers (SROs), and Special Patrol Officers (SPOs) use these tools every day to maintain the safety and security of our buildings and grounds.

Middle School Technology Room

As we strive to provide the best educational facilities for our students, I am excited to announce an upgrade to one of our Middle School Technology rooms. Over this past summer, our maintenance staff worked closely with the building administration and technology department to redesign room 143 at the Middle School. By way of constructing a wall with clear visual access to both sides, the room now delineates two learning spaces, one with state-of-the-art computer workstations and advanced 3D printing equipment, the other, a hands-on learning area with numerous pieces of power equipment and machinery.

Again, my thanks to our entire school community for your unending support. Together, we have created a program rich in breadth and depth, offered in safe, secure, and modernized facilities. My best wishes to each of you for a year filled with prosperity and good fortune.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian K. Bellair

Superintendent of Schools