

An End-of-Year Message from the Superintendent

June 26, 2019

Dear Irvington School Community,

With the 2018-19 school year now coming to a close, I want to thank each family for their support and for entrusting us with your children's education. This school year has been filled with many wonderful moments that were highlighted through countless examples of student growth, creativity and achievement. These accomplishments were regularly shared in the weekly school and District newsletters and were posted on the website and Facebook page.

When I reflect on these experiences, I cannot help but smile knowing how our District and the Irvington school community have embraced our commitment to providing our students with a world-class education by supporting the District's <u>Strategic Plan: Our Vision for Tomorrow</u>. The implementation of this plan and <u>its related Strategic Objectives</u> come to life in our classrooms each and every day. Further, the community's overwhelming support of the Capital Bond Project and the 2019-20 Budget will enable the District to advance many of our objectives. For your continued support and trust, thank you!

As we look to September and the new school year, we do so with great optimism and enthusiasm for the experiences that will meet our students in their classrooms inclusive of the introduction of grade 3-5 early world language, expanded instrumental music instruction and a strong investment in technology. We are also eager to revisit some important topics from the 2018-19 school year that are our foremost priority and will affect the experiences our students will enjoy in our schools. As you may recall, in recent months I announced some transitions in school leadership. These changes will present the opportunity for the District to revisit the student dress code, that is outlined in the Code of Conduct, with our new school principals. This will ensure that they can engage with our students, parents and faculty while considering any necessary adjustments. As we settle into the new school year, we look forward to announcing an opportunity for members of the school community to join us in this important work.

Additionally, the re-envisioning of the Irvington High School master schedule has been a top priority. As our new High School Principal, Ms. Juliet Gevargis-Mizimakoski, settles in, we will look to assess the progress that has been made on the proposed schedule, along with the feedback that was received, and will outline a process to continue this essential work. Ms. Gevargis-Mizimakoski and I will provide more specific details in the fall.

On behalf of the Irvington administration, faculty and staff, I extend my best wishes for a healthy, enjoyable summer.

Very truly yours,

Kristopher Harrison, Ed.D Superintendent of Schools



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