



SUPERINTENDENT'S *Brief*



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I know you are all looking forward to disconnecting and spending some relaxing time with your family and friends so I will keep my note very brief this week.

This is a season when we take stock of our blessings and offer gratitude to those who touch our lives. Today, I wish to take time to say “thank you” to you, our SCSD staff, our students, parents and families, and the community.

Thank you to our parents, guardians, and caregivers for your partnership with us and trust in us. Thank you for sharing your children with us and giving us the privilege of being part of their journey. Thank you for being present in your child’s education, for advocating for your child and for making sure they get to school every day. I also thank you for your patience and understanding when things aren’t perfect or don’t go as planned. I treasure your honesty, partnership, and commitment to working with us to improve.

Thank you to every one of our students for bringing diversity, creativity, enthusiasm, energy, interest, kindness, care, uniqueness, empathy, voice, challenge, and for simply being incredible. Each day as I walk through our schools and see, hear, and talk with you, I am reminded why I love this work. You are amazing. Thank you for bringing so much joy into our schools each day. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make a difference in your life. Thank you for making a difference in our lives. Without you, there is no us. Thank you.

Thank you to the SCSD staff for your unwavering dedication and commitment to our students and community. You inspire, encourage, motivate, and educate. Regardless of what is going on around you, the situation or challenge, you rise to the occasion and lead with care and compassion. Thank you for your hard work, open-mindedness, passion, partnership, professionalism, and efforts to keep us moving forward. Regardless of your role in the district, we are one team and, we are in this work together. You are important and I appreciate you.

Thank you to our community partners. As I get out into the community to meet our neighbors and community partners, I am overwhelmed by the care and support. There are so many who are willing to partner with us to be part of the solution. With every greeting and meeting, I hear over and over, “how can we help?” We are reminded that there is an entire community behind us, ready to lift us. It’s powerful. Again, we are in this work together. I am extremely grateful to the Schenectady community.

Thank you to all for embracing and welcoming me into our schools and community. I am committed to earning your trust and am grateful for that opportunity. When we listen to one another, work as partners and tackle the work together, we are a strong force, and we will do amazing things for our students. With the strength of a community like we have, we have hope. We have possibility. Thank you.

In closing, I wish you a wonderful holiday and long weekend. I hope the next few days are filled with fun, family, and relaxation. Always be hopeful and be grateful. Please know that you are appreciated.

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