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As we welcome the season of winter, it is a good time to self-reflect and look toward new beginnings and aspirations for the new year. It is my goal to continue working with parents and families to ensure that multiple perspectives are heard and to leverage partnerships of varied community-based organizations that make our district even stronger. I want to provide our children with nurturing and sustaining experiences that will help them to become creative, resourceful thinkers that prepare them for 21st century success in our ever changing global society.

In District 30 we are working diligently to enhance our learning environment to strengthen students' literacy skills in grades 3K through 8th. Our schools have adopted a foundational skills curriculum to improve phonological awareness, phonics, high-frequency words, and fluency in reading. Our goal is to improve performance in the Next Generation Learning Standards and college and career readiness standards.

Throughout the academic year, we have and will continue to work to prioritize:

- Ensuring that our schools continue to implement culturally responsive curriculum and teaching practices that represent our students and support their social emotional needs
- Supporting schools in addressing students' individual needs using Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) in order to accelerate instruction
- Placing content area specialists in individual schools to support administrators, coaches and teacher teams
- Ensuring that all schools are equipped with digital devices and internet connectivity in the event that we have to transition to remote learning
- Implementing an intramural sports program in schools across the district and ensuring schools are providing programs in the arts, as surfaced from the Listening & Learning Tours
- Supporting families by providing them with workshops to support their children at home in the content areas, social emotional learning, culturally responsive and sustaining education (CR-SE), and Habits of Mind (part of the New York State Integration Project Grant)
- Monitoring the progress of all schools in order to identify specific next steps and implement action plans to bring the schools to the next level

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year. I am thankful for all the support that you have given to District 30 throughout the years and grateful that we have built a community of trust which makes us a successful district.

I look forward to sharing and highlighting our progress with you as we continue throughout the school year. I will remain steadfast in my service to you and will continue to collaboratively ground decisions by always asking "How is this good for all children?"

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip A. Composto, Ed.D.".

Dr. Philip A. Composto