Dear Westbury School District Family and School Community,

For the last six and one half months, I have spent every waking moment thinking, analyzing, listening and learning all things Westbury Union Free School District. My findings are daily reminders about both the strengths and opportunities that exist at every level of our system. Nevertheless, I have sincerely enjoyed getting to know our scholars, our school employees at every level, our Board of Education, our families, our community-based organizations and elected officials. I am eager to spend the days, months and years to come working alongside you all to transform Westbury School District into a World Class School District.

I believe 2022 will be a monumental chapter in our Westbury School District storybook. While I know there will be challenges and uncertainties that will require all of us to remain flexible, there will be many opportunities for growth and success. You can expect to see more tangible responses to the current state of our academic, programmatic, financial and organizational health. Moreover, I am confident that we will continue to work together as a family to bring the best possible opportunities for our beloved scholars.

We care deeply about everyone in our school community and want to keep each other safe and healthy. I ask that all scholars, families and District employees exercise caution and continue to practice prevention strategies such as mask wearing, physical distancing, limiting the size of gatherings and get vaccinated during the Winter Recess. At this time, we are planning to resume full in-person learning on Monday, January 3, 2022. However, if COVID19 cases surge over the holidays and we cannot open our schools/offices to a functional capacity, we may need to pivot to a temporary remote platform. We will continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), New York State Department of Health and Nassau County Guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all.

As 2021 comes to an end, please take a moment to reflect on the people and events that have enriched your life and brought joy to your spirit. I hope such thoughts put a smile on your face. Take time to reflect on your triumphs and moments that have taught you invaluable lessons that you can bring into the new year. I would like to use this opportunity to thank you all for being kind and welcoming to me as I transitioned into the Westbury Family. Your kind gestures and sentiments have made my brief time as your Superintendent simply amazing. I am inspired and deeply appreciative of your commitment to ensuring that all scholars receive the support necessary for success. May the warm spirit of the holiday season bring each of you joy, comfort and peace. From my family to yours, have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Warmest regards,

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Superintendent of Schools