Thank you to our community for supporting the Westbury UFSD with a PASSED BUDGET! And congratulations to Ms. Robin Bolling and Mr. Rodney Caines on their reelection to the Board of Education.

It continues to be an honor to serve as Westbury UFSD’s Superintendent of Schools. The challenge bestowed onto me in this role is one that inspires me each and every day as I continue to be as committed to children and families as when I first started my educational career many years ago.

This year has been a year of call to action. OUR entire community has come together for a common cause ~~~OUR SCHOLARS~~~. We have taken challenges and turned them into opportunities, providing us with the strength to persevere and reflect on innovative ways to ensure continuous learning.

We are well on our way to paving our path towards a District of Excellence offering a world-class education to our young scholars. Our students are achieving both academically and are contributing members of society. They are graduating with honors, college credits and transcripts that have earned them outstanding scholarships to prestigious universities.

We continue to sustain our movement towards changing the narrative by engaging the voices of our staff, scholars, families and community. We continue to focus on what matters most—ensuring that our students are learning and growing. We continue to grow and become stronger as a community and district.

Across the district, we have worked diligently on improving efficiency and reducing costs. With strong support from our community, we are expanding our schools and successfully secured the NCC Annex for an additional year to provide our students with adequate space in 2020-2021.

Our Westbury High School Graduation Ceremonies, which have taken place over a four-day span, have been superb. Our scholars and families arrive in their cars with great smiles and beaming with pride. Each individual graduate experiences walking across their High School’s stage as they are proclaimed an official graduate of the Westbury High School by Mr. Zimbler and then receive their diploma. As our scholars exit the auditorium, they are met by our staff cheering them on and they receive a gift that consists of a Westbury Class of 2020 pull-string bag, a water bottle, a Westbury Dragon T-shirt and mask, as well as an inspirational quote from an alumni. As they are being cheered on, they drive away towards the next chapter of their lives. We, as an entire organization, have ensured that our graduates experienced a unique graduation ceremony and they felt the pride we all feel for them. Our hope is that they remember this for the rest of their lives.

Congratulations to the students who are moving up to their new schools next year. As you move up to your new school, please know that your older peers will serve as ambassadors and mentors to support you in your new grade. Our hope is that all our younger scholars will be inspired to aspire to and persevere towards becoming a high school graduate and continue on to post-secondary education.

We not only celebrate our graduates who are starting to write their next chapter, we also celebrate our staff members who are retiring. On behalf of the Westbury School District, it is with great pleasure that we say THANK YOU for playing a major role in molding the lives of hundreds of students throughout their careers and through their work inspired many to become educators, lawyers, medical doctors, go into the health sciences, become entrepreneurs, among many other professions. Congratulations as each of you embrace the new adventures in your life!
Family and Community Engagement Advisory Council
The Westbury UFSD School District recognizes that effective school-family-community partnerships are critical and essential to student learning and achievement. Cultivating a positive, cohesive and collaborative partnership between the school community and the district plays a pivotal role on achieving success. Our Family and Community Engagement Advisory Council is serving as the vehicle to accomplishing this focus. For this reason, it is critical that you all have a voice in the development of our Re-entry plan.

Summer Programs/Reading Challenge
To support our district goals of
1) developing **INDEPENDENT** and **RESPONSIBLE** life-long **READERS**
2) cultivating a **PASSION** for reading that leads to being life-long **LEARNERS**, we would request that our families engage in our Summer R.E.A.D.S. Challenge (Reading Enhances Achievement During the Summer).

The Westbury UFSD’s partnership with Nassau BOCES provides multiple offerings that will be through remote learning this summer. The programs serve our students who are in need of additional support, as well as enrichment programs that will extend their depth of knowledge. The program offerings will range for students from kindergarten through the twelfth grade. Our programs are tailored to the specific needs of our students and serve as a conduit to preparing students for the upcoming year.

All information is posted on our website @ [www.westburyschools.org](http://www.westburyschools.org).

We will be communicating and requesting input from our community through multiple platforms such as Thoughtexchange and short surveys. Your input will help to inform the development of our Strong and Bold Reentry Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year - First Day of School!