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تتوفر نسخ مترجمة على موقع منطقتنا على الإنترنت باللغات الإسبانية والعربية والبنغالية

স্প্যানিশ, আরবি এবং বাংলা ভাষায় অনুদিত কপি আমাদের জেলার ওয়েবসাইটে পাওয়া যায়

June 2022

Dear Families and Friends of District 30,

As we approach the end of another successful year, I would like to take the opportunity to extend my appreciation to the District 30 community for your steadfast support and commitment in service of our children. Despite the challenges presented this year resulting from the global pandemic, our students, families, staff, and community came together to ensure our students have a world class education and learning experiences. As I reflect on this past school year, I am reminded that we have much to celebrate and be proud of.

This year our district has continued with the second year of implementation of the New York State Integration Project-Professional Learning Communities (NYSIP-PLC) Grant. Teachers of second, third, and seventh grades, as well as school administrators, received professional learning on unconscious bias awareness, culturally responsive & sustaining educational practices, conditions for student learning success (Principles of Learning), and student dispositions/behaviors for success (Habits of Mind) to personalize student learning. To extend the impact of this work, our families engaged in virtual workshops that offered strategic ways to support students at home. We are beginning to see the effects of the grant as students across the district have demonstrated academic gains, as evidenced by preliminary New York State data released in the June Instructional Reports.

In addition, schools across our district were able to sustain their partnerships with community based organizations that have brought science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), performing arts, as well as athletic programs to channel our students' interests and passions. I am happy to say that through our partnership with New York City Kids Rise, our students in Pre-K through the fourth grade have opened and

contributed to scholarship accounts totaling over \$1.6 million opening pathways for higher education for our children.

As I look to the upcoming school year, our district will enter the third and final year of the implementation of the NYSIP-PLC grant. Vital to our work, we will be using the book, Students at the Center: Personalized Learning with Habits of Mind by Bena Kallick and Allison Zmuda, to further our work in creating student-centered personalized learning for every student. We know that each child is uniquely different and has varying strengths. As part of this work, we will be amplifying student voice, including students in the co-creation of lessons and projects, allowing opportunities for students to improve upon their work through social construction with their peers, and providing student opportunities for self-discovery and reflection. These attributes will serve to promote students to pursue aspirations, investigate problems, design solutions, chase curiosities, and create performances.

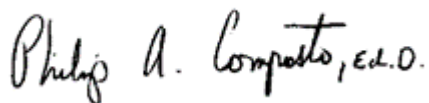
During the summer months, many of our schools will continue to provide opportunities for students to engage with peers, caring adults, and their community through NYCDOE Summer Rising 2022. For additional information on Summer Rising 2022 you may visit the website below:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/summer/grades-k-8>

I am deeply proud to be your Superintendent and am committed to serving and supporting our students, staff, and families. I am incredibly grateful to the District 30 community for your continued support and collaboration. In District 30, our guiding principle is “Always remember to ask...how is this good for ALL children?” We will continue to partner and work together to ensure we center our students and personalize their educational experiences to activate their imagination, interest, and passion for learning.

On behalf of all in our district, I wish you and your families a healthy, joyful, and safe summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip A. Composto, Ed.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Philip A. Composto
Community Superintendent – D30