

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Staff and Families,

Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude and reflection, a time to focus on the good in our lives and remain hopeful for what is yet to come. Hope these days can sometimes be a precarious feeling as we continue to endure the hardships this pandemic has created. However, in the face of tremendous challenges and obstacles, gratitude has the power to bring hope. A famous English philosopher G.K. Chesterton once said, "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."

I am moved and inspired by what I see in our schools every day and this quote is a perfect reflection of all the great things that are happening. I am so thankful for our outstanding faculty and staff who dedicate themselves every day to the challenging, rewarding, and invaluable work of educating our students in spite of the tremendous challenges we face. Thank you for always keeping "what is right and best for kids" at the forefront of what you do. Whether it is in the classroom or as support to the students, classrooms, or the schools, you positively impact the lives of children every day. Your talents, your passion, and your joy in working with our students is greatly appreciated. I am equally as thankful for our students who continue to demonstrate tremendous adaptability and resilience in the face of incredible obstacles. The strength of the Bolton Public Schools lies in the people we employ and the people we serve. We continue to remain steadfast in our mission to inspire all students to grow as learners, individuals, and citizens.

In addition, I am also thankful for our parents and families who continue to work with us as partners as we navigate these uncharted waters together. I am thankful for our Board of Education, PTA, community partners, supporters, and elected officials who support our schools in so many ways. In these challenging times, we are blessed to have great community partners and advocates for the district who are essential to our success. We look forward to continuing to partner with you in support of our students.

Together, we will continue to strive for excellence in each and every classroom and through creative thinking and strong partnerships build the knowledge and skills of our students while also developing confidence, perseverance, and a love of learning. For this and so much more, I am beyond grateful to all of you. From my family to yours, I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

With sincere gratitude,

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