



Croton-Harmon Union Free School District
10 Gerstein Street
Croton-on-Hudson, New York 10520

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

April 2019

Greetings Croton-Harmon Students, Parents, Staff and Community,

It is hard to believe that it is already April and we have spring break around the corner. It will be nice to feel the warmer weather. At the end of each school day, I love to hear our athletes out on Spencer Field, the tennis courts and beyond. Our fields come alive again in the spring.

Our winter had some challenging days. As I would drive around the district on a snowy morning, I would see so many families out shoveling sidewalks to help clear a path for our students. I want to take a moment to thank our residents. We very much appreciate your help.

I hope you had a chance to see our PVC musical Willy Wonka, Jr. and CHHS musical Anything Goes. I was overwhelmed with joy watching our student performances and they reminded me of all of the behind the scenes adults who make these opportunities possible. I would like to thank our directors, musical directors and all extracurricular advisors for the countless hours they dedicate to our students. Croton-Harmon has a vibrant extracurricular program which enables students to find their passion or niche. Thank you to all who go above and beyond the classroom to make these things a reality for our students.

I also hope that you had the opportunity to see our AP Studio Art Show at the high school. I was so impressed with our artists and their work. This week on April 11th, I hope you have the chance to attend the PVC PTA Wizards game. Our PVC team is looking good!!!!

After six months of budget development, on April 4th, our Board of Education adopted the Croton-Harmon 2019-2020 School Budget which will be put before a community vote on May 21, 2019. In early May you will be receiving our Budget newsletter, *Reflections*, which focuses on the budget details. The Croton-Harmon 2019-2020 School Budget:

- Complies with the Allowable Tax Levy Cap
- Maintains All Programs and Staffing
- Includes Additional High School Course Offerings
- Includes Additional Elementary Class Sections Where Needed
- Supports the Implementation of our School Lunch Program

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- Continues Implementation of our Strategic Coherence Plan's Focus on the Profile of the Croton-Harmon Graduate
 - Fulfills All Contractual Obligations
 - Addresses New & Existing Federal and State Mandates

The adopted 2019-2020 budget is balanced and within the allowable tax levy (2.76%) and equals \$48,513,218. Should you have any budget questions, I encourage you to reach out to my office or to Ms. Harrington-Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

The District has put together a 2019-2020 School Budget that it believes is fiscally sound and continues to support our educational programs, extracurricular programs, athletic programs and professional development for staff. We recognize that our partnership with the community is what makes all of this possible. Thank you for your continued engagement, participation and support in the budget process.

Yours in ***Mission Possible***,

Dr. Deborah O'Connell

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