



Croton-Harmon Union Free School District
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

May 2019

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

May is such a vibrant month with district events. The month started with our CHHS Spring Concert, followed by the annual District-wide Experience Science & Innovation event. This month also includes CET's Broadway Kids, PVC's Spring Concert, our District-wide Art Show, District-wide String Concert and Senior CHOOSE experience, to name a few. These are wonderful opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning in many different ways and remind us that our learning continues in/out of the classroom.

Over the last weeks our administrative team spent time in our schools examining evidence of our students' work with critical thinking and problem solving which is a key component of the Croton-Harmon Profile of the Graduate. Check out our newest ***Superintendent on the Move*** video which highlights this continued work. Here is the link:

[Superintendent on the Move Video: May 2019](#)

The month of May also brings us to our community budget vote. Please be sure to visit our [website for budget information](#), or should you have any budget questions, I encourage you to reach out to my office or to Denise Harrington-Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Here are some highlights of 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, such as electronic music and a new freshman elective call P.A.S.S. (Personal and Academic Skills Seminar)
- Includes Additional Elementary Class Sections Where Needed
- Supports the Implementation of our School Lunch Program
- 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.

I close this month's letter with a celebration. You may have seen our recent K-12 alert congratulating Croton-Harmon High School. Once again CHHS has been recognized as one of the top high schools in the country by *US News and World Report*. With an overall score of 98.13 out of 100, CHHS is ranked 322nd in the nation and 35th in New York State. This recognition celebrates our ongoing work from kindergarten through 12th grade. We are most proud of our students and want to thank our Board of Education and Croton Community for your continued support of our educational programs. Together, through mutual respect and continued dialogue we grow stronger, refine our educational programs and grow together as a learning community. Thank you for your partnership.

Yours in ***Mission Possible***,
Dr. Deborah O'Connell

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Challenging All Students to be Critical and Creative Thinkers