

## WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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I hope this letter finds you well following a much-deserved summer break. Welcome to a wonderful new year! I am honored to join the Wyandanch family and believe the 2023-2024 school year will be the best one yet. This year's theme, "Moving Forward in Excellence," encapsulates our bold forward movement towards collaborative partnerships, transformative instruction, excellent professional practice, and unwavering dedication to student improvement. Your commitment, passion, and unfailing devotion to the Wyandanch community have not gone unnoticed, and I applaud you for the great work you are doing.

We are ecstatic about welcoming our new faculty and staff to our Wyandanch family. We also have internal promotions resulting in new administrative and teaching positions. All new hires will bring their knowledge, professionalism, and commitment to teaching and learning. We will support our students and one another as we externalize the bar of excellence in every facet of this great district. We will learn from and grow with one another while creating learning opportunities that meet the whole child's needs. Together, we will accomplish the set goals that provide guaranteed pathways for students' academic growth, elevation, and achievement.

Wyandanch family, we can accomplish what seems impossible while working as an unbreakable team, a unified front, and destiny changers. What we do daily will impact our students and community for generations to come. As the year unfolds, all will observe the work, which reflects an untiring devotion to doing what is best for students. The journey of excellence is derived from a strategic approach that is grounded in the following:

- Excellence of the Mind
- > Excellence of the Heart
- Excellence in Speech
- Excellence in Action

How we define excellence will impact how we emotionally embrace its concept. We define excellence for our educational community as everyone maximizing their inherent ability to become the best that they can be. Our concept and working definition of excellence will impact our articulated speech on excellence. The words we decide to use will reflect in our daily actions toward increasing student success. Wyandanch family, we are "Moving Forward in Excellence!"

Sincerely,

Mrs. Arlise Carson

**Interim Superintendent of Schools**