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Philip Benante, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Member of the Haldane Central School District Community,

On September 12th, a representative team of educators and community members began a long-range planning process for the district that will result in a focused and aligned community vision of student success for life, learning and work beyond school. The first step in this journey is to build a consensus regarding the critical skills and attributes we believe are most essential to future accomplishment for our graduates and to then use them to guide our planning and decision making.

To involve as many constituents as possible in this process, we would like to invite you to contribute your thoughts to a community conversation on this topic. Using a platform called Thoughtexchange, you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts, then read those of other participants, and then to assign "stars" (from a low of 1 to a high of 5) to show how important each idea is to you. Finally, you will also have a chance to discover the top-rated thoughts in the conversation and visit the site often and add more comments throughout the process. The planning team will use the results of this Thoughtexchange to inform a refining of how the district's foundational documents define our working model of student success.

The Thoughtexchange process takes only 5-10 minutes to complete and you can revisit the site to contribute further if you would like.

You may participate in the Profile of a Graduate Thoughtexchange by using the following link: <u>https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#957971989</u>

You can also use the Thoughtexchange app on your iPhone or go to <u>thoughtexchange.com</u>, click on the "Join" button and enter the code 957-971-989.

We hope that you will contribute to this interactive experience to help us ensure that we are reflecting the values and aspirations of our entire community while providing outstanding learning opportunities for our students. Thank you for taking the time to share what is important to you.

Sincerely,

Philip Benante, Ed. D.