



East Ramapo Central School District

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A Unified Community Educating the Whole Child

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Dearest East Ramapo Central School District Faculty and Staff:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. Two years ago, our theme was "**Get It Done by 2021!**" This is the year we vowed to get "**It**" done! In spite of the pandemic, this year, we continued to "**Rise**" as we "**Revised**" and "**Reimagined**" the East Ramapo Central School District.

As an efficacious learning community, in the spirit of a Growth Mindset, **we** enhance the future of our students. Throughout COVID-19, "remotely," we continued to demonstrate that we are a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging, and challenging learning environment, in which students develop the skills that make them college and career ready.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, we will continue to press upward with a focus on implementing high standards for all students, and developing partnerships with parents and the community. With the transformation and institutionalization of systemic initiatives, the District is no longer in distress!

In preparation for continued success, in the face of these challenging times, you will participate in a four-day virtual "**Reset**," beginning September 8 - 11, 2020. Your experiences during this time will aid you in reimagining continuity of learning for our students, beginning September 14, 2020. Please visit your District issued email for a schedule of the development opportunities that will strengthen your efforts of success.

We must maintain the "**Good Standing**" rating for all of the K-8 schools. We must celebrate the Authorization of Chestnut Ridge Middle School as an International Baccalaureate Campus (IB). The District must continue on the path to proficiency. The attached link provides a historical perspective of "**The East Ramapo Central School District... From Promise to Progress!**" Never forget your story! **YOU** are a living legend! From now on, henceforth and forevermore, only **YOU** can affirm, "**This Is How We Do It!**"

As I prepare to leave you, having served as the *First African American Female Superintendent*, I do so knowing that, together, we "**Found Out How Great You Can Be (FOHGYCB)!**" Continue to serve as "**Credible Messengers!**" You are truly fearfully and wonderfully made. Together, you make the difference for the District!

On behalf of our students, thank you for all that you do. I pray the richest blessings for a healthy, and safe 2020-2021 school year. <https://sites.google.com/ercsd.org/ercsdpromisetoprogess2020/home>

Regards,

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Superintendent