



SUFFERN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Betty A. Rosa, Commissioner
New York State Education Department
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12234

Dear Commissioner Rosa,

The Suffern Central School District and the Villages of Sloatsburg, Suffern, Montebello, Airmont and Hillburn as well as the Town of Ramapo, are fully committed to supporting the My Brother's Keeper initiative. In order to expand the work of the Suffern Central School District's My Brother's Keeper, we welcome the opportunity to be a part of the New York State My Brother's Keeper Community Network.

Our district's My Brother's Keeper initiative launched this to serve young men of color. We recognize the challenges faced by these young people. The Suffern Central School District supports the six national MBK milestones that are focused on ensuring that all children/youth:

1. Enter school ready to learn;
2. Read at grade level by third grade;
3. Graduate from high school;
4. Complete postsecondary education or training;
5. All youth out of school are employed; and
6. All youth remain safe from violent crime.

In addition to supporting the six milestones set at the national level, we are also committed to supporting the six NYS MBK Priorities:

1. Ensuring equitable access to high quality schools and programs;
2. Expanding prevention, early warning, and intervention services;
3. Using differentiated approaches based on need and culture;
4. Responding to structural and institutional racism;
5. Making comprehensive and coordinated support services widely available; and
6. Engaging families and communities in a trusted and respectful way.

We are proud to stand beside the New York State Education Department as an active member of the New York State My Brother's Keeper Community Network in order to further these goals.



Sincerely,

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Mayor Peter J. Akey
Village of Sloatsburg

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Supervisor Michael B. Specht
Town of Ramapo