

Greetings,

It's hard to believe, but here we are - in the home stretch of the school year! The final weeks are always a whirlwind, but they're also some of the most joyful. I've had a blast visiting our schools for field days, concerts, and all the end-of-year celebrations that make this time so special. Whether it's watching our youngest students race across a field with giant smiles or hearing our high school musicians bring down the house, it's been a reminder of just how vibrant and full of life South Country really is.

June is also Pride Month, a time when we celebrate the LGBTQ+ members of our community and affirm that everyone deserves to feel safe, respected, and valued for who they are. Our schools should be places where all students, no matter how they identify, can be their authentic selves and know they belong. Pride is a celebration, but it's also a reminder of the importance of inclusion and allyship, values we strive to uphold every day.

And on Sunday, I'm especially excited to take part in the ribbon cutting for the launch of the Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York City. It's an incredible event filled with music, dancing, and cultural pride. Being part of it is always an uplifting experience and a great way to kick off the final stretch of June with some additional joy, though I'm so looking forward to the many more great things happening right here in South Country over the next couple of weeks.

Let's keep up the energy and finish the year strong. There's so much to be proud of and even more to look forward to.

As always, it's a real pleasure to serve you as your superintendent of schools.

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