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Interim Superintendent Message for September 30, 2025

Dear Hempstead School District Parents, and Families,

What an energizing first month of school! September set a positive tone across our classrooms and campuses, and I'm grateful for the teamwork that made it possible. We experienced students returning to school eager to learn, families engaged from day one, and staff going above and beyond to ensure a safe, welcoming, and academically rigorous start.

Students have done a phenomenal job with transitioning to the distraction free mandate in schools which limits access to their cell phone. Teachers have reported that there are higher levels of student engagement as well.

Students completed most of their beginning of the year assessments and set goals for themselves. Teachers launched engaging lessons that allowed students be inquirers and make connections to what they are learning which will support the success of students for the 2025-2026.

Teachers had the opportunity to engage in professional development that targeted analyzing students' data and planning learning experiences that will enhance student understanding of the content being taught.

September was Attendance Awareness Month and our schools rallied with morning greetings, attendance recognition, and family outreach to ensure students were in attendance. Thank you for helping students get to school on time, every day. Thank you for helping students get to school on time, every day. We are proud to announce that our attendance rate for the month of September has been over 90%.

Meet The Teacher Night was a success across the district. Thank you to the many families who joined us to learn about the curriculum, upcoming learning, and sign up for school communications. Please be sure your contact information is current in the parent portal, so you receive school updates, access to forms and documents, and emergency notifications.

Thank you for your partnership and trust. Together, we will keep our focus where it belongs—on teaching, learning, and the success of every Hempstead student.

With appreciation,

Gary Rush
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