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Dear Families, Staff, and Community Members,

As we move into the month of November, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the collective effort that has made these first months both productive and inspiring. Our students have settled into meaningful learning experiences, our teachers have demonstrated unwavering dedication, and our families have continued to be valued partners in our shared mission.

Across the district, we've seen classrooms filled with curiosity, collaboration, and creativity. From early literacy initiatives to hands-on STEM projects, our educators are providing engaging opportunities that empower students to think critically and reach their full potential. I am especially proud of the continued focus on improving attendance, promoting social-emotional wellness, and fostering safe, inclusive school environments where every child feels seen and supported.

As we move into the next quarter, our Central Office teams remain focused on providing schools with the resources, professional development, and guidance necessary to strengthen teaching and learning. Together, we are advancing our strategic priorities—academic excellence, equity, and community engagement—to ensure every student graduates prepared to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Our Bond Projects continue to move forward across the district. You will notice new windows at Joseph McNeil and David Paterson. The ABGS Middle School construction project is underway as well. We had our Groundbreaking Ceremony October 11, 2025 and we are excited to see this project get started. We will have to adjust some of our procedures as the project progresses and will update the community accordingly.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and trust. The success of our district depends on the collaboration of educators, families, and community members who believe in our students' limitless potential. I look forward to the continued progress and accomplishments that the remainder of the year will bring.

With appreciation,

Gary Rush

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