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Dear Baldwin Families,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year! Whether your child is beginning their educational journey in kindergarten, transitioning to a new school, or preparing for graduation, we look forward to welcoming everyone back on September 2, 2026, for a new year of learning, growth, and opportunity.

At Baldwin Union Free School District, we believe that every child deserves an educational experience that is challenging, engaging, and inspiring. Our commitment remains steadfast: to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment where every student is known, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential. This work is only possible through the strong partnership we share with our families and community, and I thank you for the trust you place in us each day.

As we begin this school year, we are excited to build upon the momentum of Baldwin 2035 while continuing to prepare our students for success in an ever-changing world. Baldwin has earned a reputation as a district that embraces innovation, challenges conventional thinking, and creates meaningful learning experiences that extend well beyond the classroom. From our expanding Academic Academies and college-credit opportunities to authentic real-world learning experiences, cutting-edge technology, and a growing focus on our Future Ready Competencies, we remain committed to ensuring every student graduates prepared to thrive in college, career, and life.

This year, we look forward to expanding opportunities through new course offerings, additional athletic programs, and the launch of our **#WeAreBaldwin** initiative, celebrating the pride, excellence, and strong sense of community that make Baldwin so special. We are also excited to welcome new administrators to our leadership team and to continue the transformation of our schools through the capital improvement projects currently underway.

Excellence in Action

I am proud to share some of our latest accomplishments as we enter the new school year with much to celebrate:

- Baldwin High School's graduation rate of 99%
- Baldwin Union Free School District accepted into the national League of Innovative Schools
- A SEVENTH "Champion of Change" Award from the New York State School Boards Association
- FOUR Anti-Defamation League's "No Place for Hate" Schools: Baldwin High School, Baldwin Middle School, Meadow Elementary School, and Plaza Elementary School
- "Best Community for Music" designation from the NAMM Foundation
- 298 AP Scholars, with 33 students eligible to receive an AP Capstone diploma
- 1290 AP Exams taken in 2026
- Course catalog now includes more than 30 AP courses, including the addition of AP Cybersecurity, AP Business Principles with Personal Finance, over 30 dual enrollment courses with local colleges universities, as well as an on-campus program with Nassau Community College
- More than 40% of high school students enrolled in college credit courses (dual enrollment course)
- Baldwin's inaugural Science Research Program debuts this school year

Learn more about our achievements in the latest issue of our *Baldwin Beat*.

Facility Updates

On the facilities front, we are making visible strides toward our future-focused vision with several ongoing capital improvements that started this summer:

- Construction of the new turf field at Baldwin Middle School
- Construction of our elementary school kitchens and cafeterias
- Construction of the new Athletic Complex at Baldwin High School
- Partial roof replacements for Baldwin Middle School and Baldwin High School
- District-wide electrical enhancements, including upgrades at Baldwin Middle School in anticipation of future air conditioning installations

In addition, we will unveil redesigned learning spaces, including a state-of-the-art business learning space.

Updates about these projects and other facility upgrades will be communicated at board meetings and also posted to our district website at www.baldwinschools.org/capitalimprovements. We will continue to keep our families and community members informed while working to minimize disruptions during construction.

Other Important Reminders

To help ensure a seamless start to the school year, please review the following important reminders:

- According to New York State law, internet enabled devices, such as cell phones/smart watches, are strictly prohibited at all times in our K-12 buildings. Baldwin High School students are allowed to use their phones if they leave campus for lunch. This is a state law, and school districts must abide. Please refer to www.baldwinschools.org/policyforelectronicdevices for more information.
- Be mindful of parking and obey the traffic laws around our schools. Due to ongoing construction at the high school, middle school and elementary schools, please be extra aware of any temporary changes to traffic flow and parking.
- As a measure of safety and security, entry to all school buildings is by appointment only.
- Speak with your child(ren) about social media safety and appropriate usage along with the serious consequences of sharing Internet hoaxes and viral "challenges."
- Check your email and the website regularly for communications from the district and building principals and refer to www.baldwinschools.org/communications for a list of our communication resources and news about our students, staff and schools.
- Please ensure your children are punctual, present, and prepared to learn.

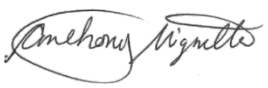
Education is most successful when schools and families work together. I encourage you to stay engaged throughout the year by attending school events, communicating regularly with your child's teachers and principal, and following district updates. Together, we can ensure that every student experiences a successful and rewarding school year.

As we prepare for another exciting chapter, please know that our entire Baldwin team is committed to creating meaningful learning experiences that inspire curiosity, foster belonging, and prepare every student for the future they choose.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are honored to serve your family and look forward to an outstanding school year together.

See you on **Tuesday, September 2nd** to commence another exceptional year of learning and growth.

With great pride,



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We are Innovative…We are Inclusive…We are Involved…We are Baldwin!