

December 2012



Dear Whitney Point Community,

The holiday season is upon us and I would like to take a moment to wish you all a happy holiday! I hope that you are able to take some time to enjoy the many concerts, sporting events, and holiday activities happening in our schools.

I would like to once again thank everyone in the school and community for the many warm welcomes and well wishes I have received since taking on the position of Superintendent. The time is flying by and I can hardly believe it will soon be six months since I began.

As we enter the New Year, our focus will begin to turn to the 2013-2014 school budget. The Board of Education continues to be committed to providing all of our students with a quality education at a cost our taxpayers can support. Staying true to this commitment is becoming more challenging as available funds continue to decrease while costs continue to increase. The Board of Education will be approving a budget calendar in December that will be published on the district's website. I hope you will join us as we work to develop a budget for the upcoming year.

Our capital project is winding down and I am sure you have noticed many of the positive changes that have taken place in the district. We are very proud to be one of a few districts in New York State equipped with solar panels on all our schools. Because we have been able to install more energy efficient windows, curtain walls, lighting, and heating and cooling systems the district is not only saving money but is also doing its part to reduce our carbon footprint.

As the possibility of severe winter weather becomes a reality, I would encourage you to visit our website for notice of delays, early dismissals, and school closings. I will make every effort to notify everyone in advance of any changes but there are times when we are taken by surprise as the weather takes unexpected turns. It is important to put plans in place and let your child know what will happen if there is a change in the regular school schedule.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Sincerely,

**Patricia Follette**