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Dear Whitney Point Community,

The summer months are coming to a close as another school year begins. I hope you all had an opportunity to enjoy the summer weather and are looking forward to the beauty of the fall season. We have been busy at the Whitney Point Central School District offering summer opportunities for learning and getting ready for another great year.

We said goodbye to some of our teachers in the spring who retired or decided to head down different paths in life. We will miss each one of them but are excited to welcome a number of new teachers to WPCSD. We are confident you will enjoy meeting them and that they will work with us to accomplish our District Vision of being a community of excellence achieved through a commitment to HIGH performance, morale, and involvement.

To accomplish our District Vision, we also recognize the need to partner with parents, the community, local colleges, organizations and agencies as well as participate in local, state, and federal grants. Through our collaboration with the Promise Zone, we are able to offer year-long parent engagement opportunities and a variety of student supports. This summer, working with the Promise Zone, a number of our students were able to participate in an amazing program that included an overnight stay at Binghamton University and a number of community service projects.

Last year, Whitney Point was one of the first districts in New York state to receive a grant to offer full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) classes for our four-year old students. In collaboration with Whitney Point Preschool and Daycare and students as they enter kindergarten. In an effort to expand UPK to three-year olds, the district has applied and is waiting for approval for an additional New York State Education Department grant.

As a Focus District, we continue to implement a comprehensive plan for improvement and maximize our resources in order to provide a variety of opportunities and safety nets for our students. We celebrate an increase in our students' ability to respond to higher level thinking and problem-solving activities. Over the last few years, we have seen improvement in assessment and graduation rates as we work to assure our students are college and career ready. Although we are not able to provide school choice due to our school configuration, we can assure you that we are working to provide a high-quality education to our students.

We will be presenting a new ZERO TAX IMPACT Capital Project that includes some much needed repairs to our facilities as well as improvements to increase the safety and security for our students. Due to Smart School money awarded by New York state, we will also be able to continue to expand our UPK program by adding two classrooms onto the CEA without any cost to the taxpayer. We hope you will join us at our Capital Project public information sessions on October 6 and 20.

As I enter my fourth year as Superintendent, I am amazed each day at the accomplishments of our students and the dedication and support of our parents and community. Whitney Point is certainly a great place to work and I consider it a privilege to serve this district.

Whitney Point CSD- Where KIDS are the POINT!

Sincerely,

Patricia Follette, Superintendent

The Mission of the Whitney Point Central School District is to provide an excellent education ensuring that all children maximize their potential, become contributing citizens, and pursue lifelong learning.