



# CHARLESTON

CUSD NUMBER ONE

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Dear Charleston CUSD #1 School Community,

Commonly accepted to be modeled after a 1621 harvest feast among by Pilgrims and North American Indians, Americans now recognize the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. While we have much to be thankful for every day, I hope you'll join me in reflecting upon and expressing gratitude for all of the goodness in our lives as we approach this Thanksgiving holiday break.



To our teachers and support staff, thank you for sustaining this school year's renewed commitment to kids and enthusiasm for making this the best year yet.

To our parents, thank you for putting your trust in our staff, for engaging in your child's academic and extra-curricular activities, and for your partnerships in supporting all students.

To our School Board members and administrators, thank you for maintaining a collaborative spirit and for keeping a focus on what is best for our students and entire school community.

Finally, to our students – why we exist – thank you for committing to learning and leading every day, for giving your best effort every day, and for aiming high in everything you do every day.

As this Wednesday through Friday are not student attendance days, please be safe and stay healthy over our Thanksgiving break, and we will return to learn together on Monday, November 28.

With abundant gratitude,

Todd J. Vilardo, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

LEARNING AND LEADING EVERY DAY