
Jonathan P. Raymond, Superintendent

Dear Colleague



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Dear Colleague,

As we all depart for a week off for spring break, I wanted to share some reflections from my visits to schools this past week. As you know, we got a very strong budget for next year passed by the board of education, and it's a budget that reflects our values and priorities that are centered around addressing unfinished learning and social and emotional wellness. I'm proud of this budget that the staff worked so hard to develop and grateful to the board for their good questions and critical input.

What isn't always seen in things like budget summaries, are the other priorities that our district values and are alive and thriving in our schools, such as the arts. Last week I was awed by the New Rochelle High School performance of the Theory of Relativity, earlier today I was at Webster and Davis Elementary Schools watching children sing and act on stage with so much confidence, courage, and joy. What was especially gratifying was seeing parents back in our buildings proudly watching these performances, and I was reminded how powerful the arts can be for engaging our students as well as our families.

I hope everyone will use this week to rest and rejuvenate, have time with family and friends, and come back energized to jump into the final phase of this school year. Have a wonderful break!

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools

New Rochelle High School • Albert Leonard Middle School • Isaac E. Young Middle School • Henry Barnard Early Childhood Center
Columbus Elementary School • Daniel Webster Elementary School • George M. Davis Jr. Elementary School • Jefferson Elementary School
Trinity Elementary School • William B. Ward Elementary School

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