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Dear Binghamton Families,

As we break for the Thanksgiving holiday, I want to take a moment to reflect on how truly grateful I am to lead this amazing district. While we are in the midst of another challenging school year, we have already overcome so many obstacles together, and we will maintain that energy in the months ahead.

I'm thankful for our incredible students, who prove time and time again that they have the resilience, ability, and courage to achieve great things, even when faced with difficult circumstances. This is true not only in the classroom, but also in their athletic and artistic endeavors. Binghamton students are exceptional, and nothing makes me prouder than watching them learn and grow more and more as the year progresses.

So many thanks are owed to our faculty and staff. The tremendous effort and generosity they have shown to our students as they've transitioned back into full-time, in-person learning is commendable, and deeply appreciated. I encourage you to take the time to let the educators in your child's life know how much you appreciate their hard work. Your acknowledgement and words of gratitude mean so much.

Finally, I'm so very grateful for you, our incredible families, for your support of our schools and ultimately, your child's education. Your partnership and involvement are key to their success, inside and outside of school. You are their teachers, their role models, and their greatest advocates.

I hope that this Thanksgiving, you will have the opportunity to gather with the ones you love, as you pause to reflect on who and what you are most grateful for. On behalf of myself and the Board of Education, we wish you the happiest of holidays!

With Patriot Pride,

Dr. Tonia Thompson
Superintendent of Schools

***Educating, empowering, and challenging all students to become
productive, global citizens through innovative approaches to learning.***