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Dear District 10 Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of the 2018-2019 school year! This time of year is always an exciting time, not only for students, but for families and for all the educators who are passionate about this very important work. It is a new beginning and the start of something special. In this spirit, it is my pleasure to invite you all to begin the year energized and committed to keeping our motto “Lighting the Way for our Leaders of Tomorrow” alive by being “Champions for Children.” Our students and their families deserve nothing but the best. It is our moral responsibility to ensure that we provide a quality education in order to prepare all students for their chosen endeavors. I strongly believe if we all take commitment good things will be happen throughout all of our schools. I know we have what it takes to motivate our students back on track after a long summer break and thinking with the end in mind... become one of the best districts in the New York City.

With that focus, this year’s message is about **DEEPENING PRACTICES** in order to **EXPAND OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE FOR ALL.**

I want to highlight the following priorities as critical to our continued progress:

- **Coherence** with a lens on inquiry and data analysis
- Strengthen the instructional core by integrating **Culturally Responsive Teaching and Social Emotional Learning** in order to cultivate a positive learning environment **ALL CLASSROOMS ALL SCHOOLS**
- **Algebra for All** – Provide real world mathematical opportunities, model, analyze, and discover
- **College and Career Readiness** – Explore colleges and provide access to learn about a variety of professions
- **Empower our Families and Community** – Share mission for student success and equitable outcomes

As we plan for a successful year seek to know those around us (most importantly our students) beyond the surface. This means, take the time to pause often to listen. Frame your teaching and leadership around significant issues and ideas that can infuse lives with meaning and purpose. Collaborate to create classrooms, hold meetings, and characterize the learning by dialogue rather than monologue. Express gratitude for all learners, generosity, and forgiveness. Remember no one is perfect, make your mistakes and others a learning opportunity. Consistently give students voice in what they learn, how they learn, and how they might best show what they know.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting with District 10 principals. I shared my success story which in short had to do with an amazing teacher who inspired me, believed in me and is the reason why I became an educator. I ask you to share your stories and become part of the story the students will share when they too succeed. I also shared the progress we have made the past two years in literacy and math. I know this is because of the collective effort, focus and commitment we have for our children. The positive possibilities and accomplishments that come out of working together will continue to allow us to flourish as learners and lead our students in the direction of SUCCESS! "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing."

As we start our first week of classes, let's begin by getting to know our students. Find the best ways to encourage, motivate and educate ALL students. Remember the saying, "it takes a village to raise a child"? Well, we are that village. We must instill in them the determination and drive to reach their highest potential. It is our responsibility to be their guiding light, teach them what they need to know in order to accomplish their academic, social and emotional goals. When a person, is emotionally connected that is when someone's life changes. These kind acts create our future. The time is now and I ask you to share my sense of urgency to do the right thing for every child who will enter our schools. Let your light shine bright. The power is in your hands.

Thank you and may you have a terrific school year. Visit our district website CSD10.org to learn about all our schools.



Best Regards,
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