



## VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Mr. Unal Karakas  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Valley Stream 24 Families,

I hope this letter finds you in high spirits as we gear up for an exciting new chapter at Valley Stream School District 24. As the new Superintendent, I am both honored and thrilled to welcome you all back to another promising school year, brimming with opportunities and accomplishments.

Throughout the summer months, our dedicated staff and administrators have been diligently working to ensure a smooth and successful opening to the 2023-24 school year. From fine-tuning plans to preparing our facilities, the staff have shown their commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for your children.

I am eagerly looking forward to the chance to meet each and every one of our talented students and their families. Together, we will build upon the rich tradition of excellence that defines our district. It is my firm belief that the foundation we set today will shape the innovators of tomorrow. Our collective efforts will empower our students with the skills, knowledge, and values they need to thrive in the ever-evolving 21st century.

Mark your calendars, as the first day of school for all students is scheduled for **September 1, 2023**. On this day, the halls will once again come alive with the buzz of excitement, curiosity, and the promise of new beginnings. Your child's school will also be sending a welcome back letter, which will include valuable information to ensure a seamless start to the school year.

As the Superintendent of Valley Stream School District 24, I am genuinely excited about the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we will navigate challenges, celebrate achievements, and foster a supportive community that nurtures the growth of every student. I firmly believe that, with your partnership and dedication, we can continue to ensure that our students are well-equipped to face the opportunities and challenges of the future.

Thank you for putting your trust in us with the education and growth of your children. Let us embark on this journey together, ready to embrace all that the new school year has in store!

Warmly,

Unal Karakas  
Superintendent of Schools

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