

Good evening and welcome to our December board meeting.

As we prepare to close out 2023, I would like to reflect on some of Rye Neck's achievements from this past year. We have seen our students perform brilliantly in sports from the football field to soccer field, basketball courts and tracks and fields. Our musicians and thespians have excelled on the stage, winning the Metro Award for best musical, *Anastasia*, among many other honors. Our students have taken advantage of our wide array of course offerings, exploring computer science and engineering along with pottery, poetry and more. Students have been encouraged to follow their passions by delving deeply into research projects and community service projects.

To our administration, you demonstrate commitment to providing high quality curricula, programming, and facilities, making profound contributions to our students and families.

Teachers and staff, you show up for our students every day, developing valuable relationships with them and fostering their love of learning.

Parents, you go above and beyond to support our students and school community. We have so many parents who dedicate their time and expertise to the booster club, the PTSA, and alumni association. Class parents, parents who chaperone field trips, who keep track of spirit day outfits, permission slips, lunch menus, library books and early dismissal times—we applaud you. You partner with our schools to create the caring, nurturing environment where our students thrive.

As we head into our well-deserved winter break, I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with loved ones. We extend our warmest wishes to all of you for a joyful holiday season and happy, healthy new year.