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Interim Superintendent

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Dear PSB Families,

This has been a difficult and challenging year for all of us. As a school district, we have worked hard to embrace the challenge and doubled our efforts to overcome the difficulties so that our students would have meaningful instruction and strong school connections this year.

Throughout the school year, I have been reminded of the interdependent nature of school communities and the importance of relying upon each other, especially in times of stress. I have witnessed how every member of our school district has contributed to our success. Custodians accustomed to cleaning classrooms are now called upon to sanitize school buildings. School nurses have taken on the daunting task of tracking COVID-19 daily. Our food service staff has undertaken the awesome responsibility of keeping our community healthy by preparing over 100,000 meals since the pandemic began back in March. Secretaries, who in many ways are the face of the schools, field all manner of questions, keep everyone calm and make sure things run smoothly. And our educators have worked tirelessly to ensure that our students are challenged and engaged every day. I know you join me in recognizing and thanking all of them for the work they do - day in and day out - on behalf of our students.

And, of course, the role that parents, guardians and extended family members play in our school community is a major factor in our success. We are mindful of the additional responsibilities you have undertaken to assist your child with their learning, and we are grateful to you for your willingness to partner with us in this unprecedented time. I thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through these difficult experiences, and look forward to your continued flexibility as we refine and improve our efforts in the months ahead.

I wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Sincerely,

V. James Marini  
Interim Superintendent