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*"We are committed to developing a community of learners who are academically proficient, demonstrate strong character and exhibit self-confidence."*

Dear New Bedford Public School Students, Parents, Community and Supporters,

I hope this note finds you enjoying the warm days of summer. I am both thrilled and honored to have been given the privilege to serve as the Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools. I feel fortunate to have been welcomed into a community with such a rich tradition made up of compassionate and hard-working people. I am a native to New England after growing up in East Hartford, CT where I completed most of my schooling before graduating from Phillips Academy in Andover. I attended the University of Rhode Island where I ran track for four years and then went on to earn my graduate degree from Howard University in Washington, DC. As we get to know one another, you will learn that I value every individual and that every voice is important as WE focus on enriching the education for ALL children in the city of New Bedford.

A quality education is the gateway to the future and personal economic mobility and can eliminate the "ceiling" that often limits possibilities. We must, **together**, equip our children with the interpersonal, critical and analytical thinking skills needed to successfully compete on a global scale. As we continue to build upon the solid foundation that has been established here in New Bedford, we will move forward together and write new chapters in the book of New Bedford that celebrates the diverse history of our city and school system. We will accomplish this by planning for the future while respecting and building on the growth and successes of the past.

Consistent with the past year, the AIP priorities will remain the same, as NBPS is moving in a positive direction. Below is a quick view of our strategic objectives that will be effective and high quality:

**Objectives to increase student achievement:**

1. *High Quality Instruction*
2. *Student Support Systems*
3. *Team Excellence*
4. *Community Engagement*

Over the next several weeks and throughout the year, I look forward to meeting many of you. As I take this time to learn the details of what we can do together to move forward, my responsibility is to make certain that every student, no matter current performance or ability is provided the environment, the opportunity, and the encouragement to learn. I will collaborate to ensure that our teachers and staff are equipped with the resources to assist our students to compete in an increasingly global market and field of innovative entrepreneurship. With your support we will develop students who are inspired to learn in classrooms, motivated to perform on stages, confident to play on athletic fields, and poised to be upstanding citizens in our community.



Our schools are microcosms of the communities in which they exist. Your support of the New Bedford Public School system will lead to the success of all our students. Although there are increasing mandates, fewer resources, and a greater financial burden that has been shifted to local communities, we will respond by effectively assessing and utilizing our resources. We will continue building the capacity of our staff to rise to the challenges of even greater demands they may face in the future. I will count on parents and other members of the community to serve on advisory groups, lending your talents in helping us to move forward.

Please use our website to remain updated on school events. We welcome and encourage everyone to attend and support our students in their performances and athletic events as well as visiting and volunteering in schools during the day. The district welcomes your suggestions as to how we can better serve our students' individual needs.

Sincerely,



Thomas Anderson  
Superintendent  
New Bedford Public Schools