



# SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jaime Alicea, Superintendent of Schools

## Huntington PK8 School

Joanne M. Harlow, Principal

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Dear Huntington Parent/Guardian,

With your help and support, we have come to the end of a very unusual and challenging school year! On behalf of the entire Huntington staff, I wish to express to you our appreciation for your understanding and patience as we navigated through these difficult months. Despite our challenges, we continued the work that had to be done to ensure the safety and educational needs of our students. Thank you for your flexibility and support every step of the way.



I'd also like to take this time to let you know that I am retiring at the end of this school year. I have spent 24 years in the SCSD, and nine wonderful years at Huntington, and I consider myself extremely fortunate and grateful to have served in such a remarkable and supportive community. While this is a bittersweet time for me, I assure you that Huntington will continue to grow and flourish in academic excellence in the years to come. Within the next few weeks you will most likely be hearing from my successor, Alison Dupree, who was chosen by a representative group of parents, staff, and students, and who will continue the critically important work of educating your children.

The 2021-2022 school year promises to be a return to 'normal' (hopefully), and our teachers, staff, and administrators look forward to continuing our focus on academic achievement as well as students' emotional health and well-being. We want to make sure the transition back to full in-person instruction five days a week for all students is smooth and results in closing the academic gaps caused by the pandemic. Our staff will be working throughout the summer creating plans to ensure that ALL students have every opportunity for success.

Beginning July 6, 2021 Huntington will offer a summer school program for all students. Please consider having your child/ren participate. Click on the "Summer School" link on the SCSD website for more information and to register, or call the main office at 315-435-4565.

The first day of the new school year is Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The school day for elementary students is 9:00 am-3:00 pm, and for middle school students 8:15 am-3:00 pm. Please contact the school by July 30, 2021 if you have a change in your address, phone number and/or have different transportation needs so bussing is set up the first day of school. Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. Our main office phone lines are open every day from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Thank you again for partnering with us and trusting us with your child. And thank you personally for the best nine years of my professional career. It has been an honor and privilege to work alongside you in educating your children. Have a safe and happy summer!

Respectfully,

*Joanne Harlow, Principal*