



RENSELAER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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A September Message from the Principal

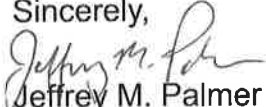
Our Summer Enrichment Program was quite successful. We averaged about 150 elementary students each day for our 5 week program. The boys and girls arrived each day with smiles on their faces and seemingly a great appreciation for the opportunity to learn in-person after a year filled with remote learning. It was truly an amazing experience having students in the building over the summer for the first time in a number of years. Following the program, faculty and staff worked diligently to prepare the building for the opening of a new school year.

The momentum from our summer program has definitely carried into this new school year. On September 7th, all of our students enthusiastically returned to school for in-person learning. For most of our students, this was a seamless transition. We will continue to work on improving the efficiency of morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Our Transportation Department continues to work on improving the timing of the buses. Thank you for your patience the first few days.

As we move forward, I will be sending out information about after-school activities later this month. We are excited to be in a position to offer more programs! I anticipate starting them in October. Please take a moment to review some of our upcoming dates and events outlined below.

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| September 15th | PTA Meeting in the HS Cafeteria at 5:45 (use Elementary Entrance Doors) |
| September 30th | <u>Virtual</u> Open House (Information will be sent out later this month) |
| October 1st | Ice Cream Social (for students in grades 1-5 that completed their summer reading assignment) |

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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