

# POUGHKEEPSIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

“TOGETHER, WE ARE CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN”

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Dear Poughkeepsie Middle School Families,

Everyone at Poughkeepsie Middle School is incredibly excited to begin our 2020/21 academic school year. It is unfortunate that we will begin the year in a full remote learning model, however we are working hard to ensure that all of our students receive the optimal learning opportunities we have available to them. In conjunction with our Superintendent, we are also working on finalizing the plan for a full return of students to the building. More information will be provided as it becomes available. However, it should not go without saying, we greatly appreciate your understanding and partnership during these challenging times.

Despite the fact that we are beginning the school year under unique circumstances, we plan to embark on this journey with a commitment to our students, by fostering a year of academic engagement, centered on meaningful and rigorous work. In addition, we are committed in our efforts to support the social and emotional development of every child, both during this time of remote learning, and when we resume regular face-to-face instruction in the building. During the school year, we will work on building a solid foundation of success for all students based on three main goals, which are to:

Embrace Opportunities . . . Unlock Potential . . . Inspire Excellence!

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities in all facets of our school. We pledge to strive to achieve excellence in all aspects of our student's lives and to promote self-learning, intellectual growth, and character development.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together. We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We appreciate your involvement and support in your child's education. Your active participation is key to the success of your student.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Poughkeepsie Middle School. It is vital and plays an integral role in each scholar's success. We encourage you to contact us at any time and to stay in the know about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

Again, we welcome you to Poughkeepsie Middle School and to our wonderful learning community. Here's to an outstanding new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day. Please feel free to contact me about any questions you may have about our school.

Sincerely,



Mr. Joseph Mazzetti, Principal

We are champions of children who inspire and nurture the whole child by providing innovative, high-quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community.”