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Together, We are the Champions for Children in Poughkeepsie City School District

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"No duty is more urgent than giving thanks." ~ James Allen

As the **crispness** of fall greets us each morning and the foliage from the trees litter lawns, we are reminded that the season of giving and gratitude is upon us.

The above quote is most appropriate and fitting. Nationally, the month of November is marked as National Gratitude Month, a time to recognize and appreciate the myriad of blessings (i.e., health, relationships, family, etc.) bestowed upon us.

On the eve of Thanksgiving, I wanted to send a message of appreciation to the entire school community and our larger Poughkeepsie community who are all working hard to guarantee the success of PCSD students. Your unwavering dedication to our students continues to yield positive outcomes and greater opportunities for them to maximize their potential. On behalf of myself and the Board of Education, I extend gratitude and thanks to:

- **Parents/Caregivers** - Thank you for your partnership and serving as your child's first and lifelong teacher. Your partnership is integrally connected to our collaborative work of providing the conditions for your child's success.
- **Instructional and Support Staff** - Thank you for your service as our children's instructional leaders and support champions. Your engagement with our children help support their school experiences and provide them with a foundation to attain lifelong success.
- **District and School Administrators** - Thank you for your leadership and supporting the work of the instructional and support staff. Your leadership has supported the transformational work, which is yielding demonstrable improvements throughout the district.
- **Community Partners** - 80 percent of a child's waking hours between kindergarten and 12th grade is spent in the community, whereas 20 percent is spent in schools. Thank you for collaborating with PCSD in supporting student success in schools and providing meaningful positive youth development opportunities outside of the school environment.
- **Vested Members of Our Community** - Thank you for your continued support of the Poughkeepsie City School District and championing the success of our community's future citizens and leaders. Students are more successful when a school, home, and community approach to nurturing the whole child exists.

I hope all of you have a safe holiday with loved ones, spending time doing things that bring the utmost of joy.

~ Dr. Eric Jay Rosser, superintendent of schools