

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Superintendent's Message

Welcome to the 2019/2020 School Year

To All Families, Staff & Students:

Welcome to the 2019/2020 school year! For the opening of this school year, I suggested a theme of *One Million Dreams*. In each of our schools we have students who demonstrate the highest achievement of standards and who perform well on State testing. More students than ever aspire to and are accepted to colleges and universities. How is it possible that across the district, with the same curriculum expectations, the same instructional resources and quality teachers and staff, that still some students struggle with achievement?

I have been an educator and school leader for 47 years. My experience and research has taught me that while it is absolutely necessary to address the diverse interests and abilities of students, one of the most influential factors in the success of a child to reach or exceed his/her potential is the encouragement for children to dream and aspire towards goals. A child who aspires to succeed will succeed!

Parents and families are the first and most consistent support for students to aspire to success. We need your support and encouragement of your child as we will also provide that support. In cases where children do not have the family or social support to aspire to success, school is the one place where we must ensure that children find the caring, support and belief in each child's ability to be successful. Please share your dreams with your child and listen to your child's dreams! Encourage them to understand that every day they should try their best to be their best!

Here in Plainfield Public Schools, we also help your child to dream and aspire to success – *KDP*

PK & Kindergarten are where dreams begin.
Grades 1-8 are where dreams develop.
Grades 9-12 are where dreams are realized.