

Superintendent Dr. Tracey Thanksgiving Message

Dear Learning Community:

Can you believe that we have already completed one marking period already? Your daily consistent and dedicated support have made this all possible. As I travel from school to school throughout the district I am inspired by the joyfulness of students and the warm reception from staff. I am optimistic that, with such a dedicated staff in all aspects of the organization, New Haven Public Schools will achieve its vision and mission. Hence, there are so many things for which we need to be thankful.

To my teachers, administrators, assistant teachers, school nurses, administrative assistants, I am thankful for all of you who show up to support our children. I am thankful that, despite some of the challenges you face, you are still there to demonstrate to our students your commitment and dedication to their success. You have selected the best profession in the world—working with children to mold minds for now and the future.

To my central office team, I am grateful for your support in ensuring organizational efficiency as you work to support the schools and the organization in general. My executive team, thank you for your ideas and level of dedication to the work.

To my support staff, psychologists, counselors, speech pathologists, all those in the Academic Department, Youth Family and Community Engagement, Finance and Operations, Human Resources, IT, English Learners Department, Student Services, Nurses, Early Childhood, Athletic and Health, Facilities and Operations, and to all our union representatives—a big thanks to you and appreciation for all that you do to support the work of the district.

Thanks to all my staff who have assumed the responsibility of grant writing and management—Typhanie Jackson for Alliance/Priority, IDEA and IDEA ESSER; Keisha HANNANS for ESSER II, ARP ESSER, and Title I and IIA; Pedro Mendia for English Learners and Title III; Danny Diaz for McKinney Vento; Gemma Joseph -Lumpkin for Extended School Hours, 21st Century etc.; Evie Velazquez for Nellie Mae and the manufacturing grants; Dr. Whyte for CTE; Mary Derwin for Head Start; and Jessica Haxhi for Title IV-A. Without these grants our school system would not be able to function. Not only do these folks write the grants, but they manage them.

I am truly grateful for this service and their willingness to do this work. In addition to this, Pat DeMaio has to ensure that all abstracts and agreements are done correctly for Finance and Operations meeting. Kudos to all!

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My sincerest gratitude to the SEL team for helping all of us to take care of ourselves by finding ways to relax and supporting students to self-regulate.

I reserve a special shout out to Dr. Whyte and Erick P for their level of dedication to ensure that we had a fairly smooth roll out of vaccination for our staff. They provide support with contact tracing and fielding COVID questions and concerns. This is a gargantuan task, but they do it with grace. A special thanks to our parents and guardians for entrusting us with their children and being there for us.

I do apologize if I have left out anyone in my thanks and appreciation.

And finally, thank you for accepting me as your superintendent.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Be safe and be well, and use this well-deserved time to say thanks to families and friends for being there for you.

I remain in service to all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iline P. Tracey", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Dr. Iline P. Tracey
Superintendent