



Dr. Juliette Pennyman, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Hudson City School District families,

It is indeed a joyous time of year – for many reasons!

First, I wish a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa to all who celebrate!

I hope you are excited for your vacation. This is a time to rest, relax, and rejuvenate, all while spending meaningful time with friends, family, and loved ones. It's also worth reflecting on some of our school district's accomplishments of the past few months and those in line for the future.

First, I have been delighted to meet so many of you and impressed by our warm, welcoming sense of community. Our families, teachers, and staff are invested in and enthusiastic about our students and their futures. The new #TogetherWeCan spirit is taking strong root in the district!

With your partnership, we're also sparking positive change. Some steps already underway:

- We formulated a 125-day Entry Plan report. This comprehensive approach includes data analysis, identifying innovative opportunities, building relationships, and enacting a plan of action that advances our educational programs. I will be sharing more in the months ahead.
- We have launched "Conversations with the Superintendent" meetings. Thank you to all who attended the first two sessions. The next program will be on Dec. 21, 6-7 p.m., at the Hudson City Department of Youth, 18 South Third St., Hudson. You are most welcome to attend! Our discussions are always on the third Thursday of each month, at the same time and location.



- We have established and are moving ahead with our Superintendent’s Student Advisory Team, comprised of students in grades 5-11. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month with elementary students, the second Monday with junior high school students, and the third with high school students. It is inspiring to hear directly from our bright, conscientious students, who offer constructive, insightful perspectives about how our district can better serve them.
- In the new year, I will launch a Community Advisory Committee. Please watch for more information about how you can apply.
- Pennyman’s Pen is a weekly email digest of headlines to keep our families apprised of news and announcements.
- We have hired Dr. Tia Pressey, a highly experienced educator, as our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager. She began in October, and I am energized by her energy and commitment to our schools.

As we immerse ourselves in the holidays, it’s great to know that #TogetherWeCan – and that our district is on a forward path. I wish everyone a break filled with good times, good cheer, and great memories, and I look forward to returning to the schools after the break, eager to discover what we can accomplish in the coming year.

Warmly yours,

Dr. Juliette Pennyman
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