



# Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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*Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Families,

It feels joyful to welcome you back to the 2021 school year. I'm hopeful that together we will continue to promote enriched opportunities for our students, families, and educators.

As we enter another new year that can have the potential of being marked by change, let's remember how we persevered through last year's tribulations and build on those successful strategies. We had the privilege of leaning on the trusting relationships that we've built and will continue to renew and strengthen. It's truly difficult to find adequate words that express how meaningful this became to our efforts.

Since June, we have been persistent in making significant progress as a District along the pathway of continuous improvement. Some of these efforts are included below.

- Initiated two academic readiness programs for first and second graders
- Coordinated efforts to begin our inaugural prekindergarten classes at the Howell Road Elementary School
- Renovated both the Wheeler Avenue and Willow Road School Libraries
- Renovated the Dever Cafeteria
- Built a new playground at the Howell Road School
- Completed last phase of the Bond Project
- Completing installation of new SMART Boards in Kindergarten, Grade One, and Grade Two

The health and safety of everyone in our school buildings will continue to be our priority as we enter this new year. We will start the new year with professional development opportunities that reinforce this effort on Superintendent's Conference Day, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The first day of school for students is Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Dr. Constance D. Evelyn  
Superintendent