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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I extend my warmest wishes for a safe and joyful holiday celebration to you and yours. I consider myself very fortunate and am grateful to work in a district surrounded by families, community members and colleagues who care so deeply about the education and wellbeing of our students. I am especially thankful that we have been able to begin the year anew and hopeful that we will continue on a bright path.

In addition to Thanksgiving, there is much to celebrate this month. This week we recognize Transgender Awareness, American Education Week and National Educational Support Professionals Day and next week, Native American Heritage Day on Nov. 26 and the start of Hanukkah on Nov. 28. We treasure and value the diversity of our families, students and colleagues.

May you enjoy a peaceful and relaxing break next week.

Bon Appetit! Dr. Jonathan Ponds