



# Mount Sinai Union Free School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back! Like me, I am sure that you are asking yourself, "Where has the summer gone?" We just waved good-bye and wished the Class of 2018 our best. Those students maintained the Mount Sinai tradition of academic excellence and achievement. Our graduation rate again was ninety-eight percent. Seventy-seven percent of our students earned a Regents diploma with advanced designation or advanced designation with honors. Ninety-eight percent of our graduates are going to college. We congratulate all of our fine seniors, their families and our teachers for their commitment to maintaining this level of academic achievement.

As one class leaves, another one arrives to take its place. In a few short weeks we will welcome the Class of 2031. It is our job as a District to offer these children not the same, but even better and proven opportunities to achieve the quality of academic success that has become synonymous with Mount Sinai Schools. This year will see the implementation of the Columbia Reading Program in our elementary school. We have high expectations now that we will have the reading program that is designed to work hand-in-hand with the Columbia Writing Program, which was implemented three years ago. It is the District's goal to make all of our students better readers and writers. It is our belief that reading and writing are the keys to a critical understanding of all subject areas and curriculum.

While we implement worldwide renowned writing and reading curriculum, the District continues to focus on success for all students and differentiated instruction. Our staff must understand an individual student's strengths and differences and address them at their appropriate level.

In addition to academics, the District continues to upgrade and enhance our security and protocols in order to provide a safer learning and working environment for our students and staff. Last spring saw the addition of armed guards in all our buildings and ID checks at the main entrance. Over the summer, roadways by the main entrance were reconfigured to allow for the turnaround of cars deemed not authorized to be on campus. A guard booth has been placed by the 25A entrance to the campus and the District's perimeter fencing will experience security upgrades and replacement this fall. There are plans to add additional interior and exterior cameras. All District employees and our senior high school students will be required to wear ID badges that will be visible at all times. I encourage all district residents to view our website for additional security details.

The Mount Sinai School District is committed to the safety and security of our students. Our students and staff must feel safe attending and working in the District. The new and traditionally proven academic programs will function at an optimum level when all believe our schools are safe. While our campus is secure, we expect our students to continue to excel academically, musically, artistically, and athletically.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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