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Dear Parents and Staff,

With Thanksgiving only a few days away, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our students, the community, our teachers and staff and the Board of Education for working together during this pandemic. Our Winter concerts will begin after the Thanksgiving break and we all look forward to the student performances under the direction of our music teachers. Our coaches have led all of our teams this fall with outstanding results and we were proud to see Rockville Centre represented at County and State championships. Our instructional staff has been fantastic, working diligently with all students, at all levels, on addressing learning loss created by this pandemic and helping them to achieve their educational best. All of our support staff has also worked to have our buildings run smoothly and to meet the needs of all students and staff. Our administrators have been professional and have navigated some very difficult and sensitive situations, while leading our buildings and staff with tireless enthusiasm.

The District remains committed to keeping everyone safe and healthy. Over the past week, COVID infection rates have increased in the community and on Long Island, as well as the number of quarantined students who have had contact with COVID-positive individuals. We must continue to stay vigilant in protecting each other.

We are thankful for all of you and hope you can spend some time and enjoy a happy, healthy and well-deserved Thanksgiving holiday with your families and friends.

## Robert a. Bartels

Interim Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel