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Philip Salemi, Superintendent

## Superintendent's Corner - September

Dear District 92½ Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

I cannot tell you how pleased I have been with the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Our students have done a fantastic job the first two weeks of school. I have had the pleasure of spending time in each of the buildings. Their engagement, enthusiasm and focus has been great. Our staff and administration have done an excellent job of creating a welcoming, caring environment.

One of our priorities this year is building positive relationships with our students. We know that when adults form positive bonds with students, schools become supportive spaces in which students can engage in an academic and socially productive way. Our staff will be participating in different learning opportunities throughout the year that will support their relationship building. We plan to have a Parent University later in the fall regarding this topic. Information will be forthcoming.

Personally, I would like to thank all of the staff members, parents, students and community members who have helped me heading into my second year. I look forward to building on the relationships we started on last year and developing new ones this year.

The month of September is loaded with events both during school and after school. Whether it is our Curriculum Nights, WPTC meetings, or our monthly Board meetings, there are different opportunities for you to participate in our District and learn new things. I encourage you to visit our website [www.sd925.org](http://www.sd925.org). It is a good source of information and updates. We also post messages on Facebook via our page Westchester Public School District 92½. Occasionally, we will send information home via email or voice message. Please make sure your contact information (phone and email) is up to date to ensure you are getting this important information.

During the first few weeks of school our students will take their initial assessments for the year. I sent out a letter via SchoolMessenger on August 23<sup>rd</sup> discussing the variety of assessments that will occur in grades K-8. We understand that the assessments are not the full measure of your child's abilities. These assessments are used as a tool. They provide our staff and administration with information that we can use to ensure our curriculum is meeting the needs of our students. We look forward to seeing the growth in your child(ren) over the course of the school year.

Finally, I will continue to be around at arrival and dismissal times. Feel free to come up to me. If I happen to miss you and you would like to speak with me, you can reach me through email ([psalemi@sd925.org](mailto:psalemi@sd925.org)) or by calling my cell phone (708-670-1927).

Have a great September!

Sincerely,

Philip Salemi  
Superintendent