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Dear Families and Friends of District 30,

I would like to thank you for your continued support and perseverance during this school year. Our children, teachers and families have done an amazing job transitioning and adjusting to remote learning. Within our district, mental health professionals and school staff have been supporting our students and families affected by this pandemic and the issues of historical social justices highlighted by the murder of George Floyd. Although this year has produced many unprecedented issues, by working together, we are addressing and working through them while remaining focused and committed to the academic and social-emotional needs of our children.

As we begin to close this school year, I would like to highlight the accomplishments we have made in District 30:

- Developed teachers' professional skills to advance and strengthen students' conceptual understanding in mathematics and scientific investigations skills.
- Continued to strengthen students' literacies by equipping them with 21st century skills required for our ever-changing world.
- Supported teachers with professional development workshops in culturally responsive and sustaining teaching practices to better connect with the diverse cultural backgrounds and learning styles of students.
- Advanced equity by evaluating academic and suspension data to ensure gaps in opportunities and learning are being narrowed and/or closed.
- Transitioned to remote learning with teachers and other school staff making contact with every student and/or family within their school community.
- Worked to ensure all students have access to a computer device and internet service through providing a loan of laptops or iPads. In addition to the devices distributed by schools, we have mailed more than 9,000 iPads since March 23rd.
- Seventeen schools in District 30 were awarded "Recognition" Status by New York State Education Department for high academic achievement and/or progress.

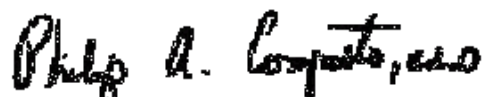
- In partnership with NYC Kids Rise, more than 10,000 children in grades kindergarten through third grade have Scholarship Accounts totaling over \$1,600,000.

During the summer, we will continue to follow the guidance issued by health experts and other authorities as we plan for the 2020-21 school year. At the forefront of this work, is the health and safety of our students, staff and families. When our buildings re-open, we will need to ensure that social distancing and safety protocols are followed which means that not all students can be in the building at the same time. The Chancellor surveyed families and school staff to obtain information and multiple perspectives on planning for re-opening of schools. Over the summer months we will be analyzing and using this information as we create more specific plans. At this time, we are preparing for a variety of educational models and approaches, including “blended learning”; a combination of in-person and remote instruction. In August, I encourage you to check the NYCDOE website on <https://schools.nyc.gov> and/or your school’s website to obtain updated information and guidance about the re-opening of schools.

The end of the year is a time to celebrate our students’ academic journeys and accomplishments. I encourage you to visit the district website using this link, <https://district30nyc.wixsite.com/nycdistrict30> to view highlights from schools across the district

As always, I appreciate the commitment and dedication of our students, staff and families in working together to ensure our students are well prepared to succeed in college and career success in our global society. I am proud to be your Superintendent, leading the work to accelerate learning and instruction, develop school staff, and partner with communities to advance equity now. I am committed to serving and supporting our students, staff, and families. I stand firmly by the belief that if we “Always remember to ask...how is this good for ALL children?” we guarantee we are doing great work! On behalf of all in our district, I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip A. Composto, CEO". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr. Philip A. Composto

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