

COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 30

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Dear Members of the District 30 Community,

People have often asked me, “Why are you still working?” To be honest, I love what I do and have never considered this work. It has been my love and passion for as long as I can remember. Everyone told me when it was time for me to retire, I would know it. I believe now is the time for me to begin a new journey. Right now, I am not sure exactly what it will look like, but I am confident that God will guide me.

First, I thank the Good Lord who has given me two guardian angels; one on each shoulder to guide me and hold me up! Second, I want to acknowledge my wife, Nancy, who has been my best friend since high school and who supported me through my own schooling on my quest to be a teacher and educational leader. It is often said that “behind every great man there is a great woman.” Nancy has sometimes been behind me, sometimes in front of me pulling me along, but most of the time, right at my side --- and for that I am eternally grateful. Together, we have built a beautiful family of four children who are educated, gainfully employed, and no longer living in our home. They have blessed us with thirteen grandchildren who are the joy of our lives!

I have had the great pleasure of working with students, staff, and families to provide a quality education that empowers and elevates our young people to be creative and productive citizens in an ever-changing world prepared to face whatever challenges come their way. I extend my sincere gratitude to the entire District 30 community for allowing me to serve as superintendent of District 30 for over twenty years. I am truly proud and honored to have served as the educational leader in one of the most diverse districts in New York City.

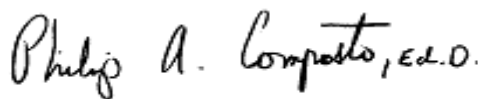
I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to thank the community members and politicians who rallied around me last year and through their hard efforts, I remained the Superintendent of District 30 and for that I will be forever thankful. You have been my strength and guiding light.

I am humbled to have had the pleasure and honor of serving the students and families of the NYC Public Schools for 45 years. I'd like to close by using some lines from the song lyrics “For Good” by composer Stephen Schwartz—

“So, let me say before we part, so much of me is what I've learned from you (each of you), you'll be with me like handprints on my heart.

Please know that because I knew you--- I have been changed for good.”

With sincere appreciation,



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