

NORTH STONINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

As the school year comes to a close, we wanted to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation for everyone's contributions in making this year such a wonderful success.

First and foremost, I cannot say enough about the incredible efforts of our staff. Teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers, food service, counselors, and administrators alike have all dedicated themselves to providing our students with the best education possible. They have gone above and beyond to ensure that our students are thriving, and I am grateful for everything they've done. Because of our compassionate staff, we are a school system where everyone feels safe, valued, and a sense of belonging.

Our students have played the leading role in the success of this year. They have worked tirelessly, both in and out of the classroom, and their accomplishments are a testament to their hard work and dedication. From concerts, plays and athletic events to academics, internships, and service, our students displayed outstanding perseverance, teamwork and character. Our whole staff is incredibly proud of all our seniors have achieved, including their personalized senior projects, and we know that they will continue to do great things in the future.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest thanks to our parents and the community. Your enthusiasm and support for our school system has been truly inspiring. Your participation in school events and your commitment to our budget have allowed us to provide our students with the best possible resources and opportunities. Among other groups, our PTO, Giving Closet, Food Pantry, and the North Stonington Education Foundation performed important charitable service and exemplified what a caring community looks like. Without community support, we could not have accomplished everything that we have this year.

The fact that Wheeler principal Kristen St. Germain was named the 2023 Connecticut High School Principal of the Year is just one additional indication of the high quality of our entire school system. So, to all the staff, students, parents, and community members who helped make this year great, thank you. Your hard work, dedication, and support have truly made a difference. I hope everyone has a productive and enjoyable summer!

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