

## **NORTH STONINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

With pride, I am announcing a successful beginning of the 2022-2023 school year! The dedicated staff in our district were ready to serve the students and families of North Stonington. No matter what role each staff member plays, including contracted employees, everyone is part of our team which works to ensure optimal student learning. The students came into a safe, nurturing environment in which they will grow exponentially this school year. We hope that day after day, every child comes to school with enthusiasm, generated from a desire to interact with their classmates and teachers and to be successful.

At our staff convocation, I emphasized the goal that every child and adult should feel safe, valued, and have a sense of belonging. This is how we will create an environment in which people take risks, grow, and learn their best. Students will build stronger foundations in math, reading, and writing while being encouraged to be innovative and develop transferable skills that will facilitate their success now and in the future. Articulated in the school district's portrait of a graduate, some of these skills are analytical thinking, collaboration, literacy, communication, lifelong learners, and being resilient, respectful and responsible.

The involvement of family and community are essential to the education of all our students. Working together, we can support each child in learning about the world, forming ideas, and building skills. We appreciate these collaborative partnerships which contribute to an outstanding education for all of North Stonington's students.

TROY C. HOPKINS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

[hopkinst@northstonington.k12.ct.us](mailto:hopkinst@northstonington.k12.ct.us)