

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Re: MPSD Holiday Message

Good Afternoon Miller Place School District Community,

This has been a year to remember and one we may want to forget. A year met with overwhelming challenges and opportunities for learning how to live a different life while searching for glimpses of normalcy. Although we have adapted in the face of adversity, the days and nights have been long and stressful, causing us to reassess the daily operations of our School District during an international pandemic.

As a community we have discussed, debated, and deliberated at every turn of circumstance over the last ten months. In the end, we continue to strive to find common ground, and celebrate the kindness of our school community. We have much to be grateful for:

**For our essential workers** – thank you to our truck drivers, delivery personnel, those that work in retail and have kept our stores open, landscapers who helped maintain our houses, to home repair contractors, restaurant and food service employees, and so many others for your commitment to our school community.

**For our medical professionals** – thank you to our support staff in hospitals, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory, occupational and physical therapists, and so many others for remaining on the front lines and for keeping us healthy.

**For our emergency response specialists** – thank you to our EMTs, fire, police and sheriff departments, for continuing to answer our cry for help when we are in need.

**For our school district staff** – thank you for remaining focused on our students during times of stress and uncertainty, and giving them the greatest opportunity for success.

**For our parents and guardians** – thank you for entrusting your children in our care, as we strive to improve each day, continue to make their school day as normal as possible, and grow stronger as a school community.

**For our students** – thank you for being flexible, positive and displaying your Panther Pride, and all your accomplishments.

As 2020 comes to a close, on behalf of the Board of Education and Administrative Staff, we wish our school community a joyful and safe holiday season, with better times ahead for all of us in 2021.

Please take a few minutes to view the following videos as we celebrate all that is good in our community – our students and families.

[MPSD Snow Day Fun Video](#)

[MPHS Band - Noel](#)

[MPHS Orchestra Jig Winter 2020](#)

[MPHS Orchestra Fiddle Dance Winter 2020](#)

[MPHS Symphonic Band Celtic Carol](#)

[MPHS Symphonic Band Encanto](#)

[MPHS Jazz Band Blue Bossa](#)

[MPHS Jazz Band God Rest Ye](#)

[MPHS Jazz Band Lady Bird](#)

[MPHS Jazz Band We Three Kings](#)

Happy holidays,

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano  
Superintendent of Schools