

## Peekskill City School District



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*The Mission of the Peekskill City School District is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as lifelong learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.*

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Dear Peekskill Community,

We are about to end our instructional year and we have many reasons to look back on the year and be proud of the work that our administrators, staff and students have accomplished. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow administrators, the entire staff, the students and the community at large for supporting our school district this year. It was a tremendous honor to lead the district and I am grateful for the support from all stakeholders.

I wrote to the Peekskill High School graduating class and stated that I hoped we provided the best education possible for every student to feel empowered to continue to grow and learn in their education and careers. My greatest hope however, is that we taught our students pre-kindergarten to grade twelve to care deeply for others and for our world. The advice I gave to our graduating the Seniors is the advice I would like to leave with every student:

- Whatever you choose to be and do; be your best; do your best; always strive for excellence.
- Never let others define you. Always, stay strong and true to your authentic self.
- It is okay to fail; it is not okay not to try.
- When you make mistakes, forgive yourself.
- Be strong, be resilient and persevere.
- Be kinder than necessary.

Enjoy the many celebrations we have in June. Have a safe and restful summer.

Educationally yours,  
*Mary Keenan Foster*, Ed.D.

