



NORTH EAST (WEBUTUCK) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Wildcat Families,

As the start of the 2024-2025 school year quickly approaches, I would like to welcome back all of our new and returning students to the Webutuck Central School District. I hope you and your families have had a restful, enjoyable summer and feel refreshed and ready to begin an exciting new school year! I am looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces when you return to school on Thursday, September 5th.

This summer has been a busy one throughout the District. When you return, you will see the amazing upgrades and progress to our buildings and facilities that has taken place during our Capital Improvement Construction Project. The high school has a newly paved traffic circle at the front of the building with all new sidewalks. Each building has a new or upgraded roof. There is a new playground/fitness course at EBIS! The high school gymnasium has been renovated to include a new gym ceiling with new LED lights. New and more efficient unit ventilators have been installed in all buildings. These new systems are equipped for air conditioning which has been installed at WES and will be installed at EBIS/WHs next summer. A new septic system is being completed at WES. The tennis courts at WHs have been converted to a new multi-purpose facility that has 2 tennis courts, 8 pickleball courts, 6 basketball hoops and striping for other sports including soccer. Also, a new full generator to power the EBIS/WHs facility is being installed.

There are also changes in the leadership team throughout the District. Mr. Pascale is now working as a co-principal at WHs with Mr. Knuschke where they will be working with students at grades 7-12. Ms. Hengen is now principal at EBIS, where she will be working with grades 4-6 and taking on a number of student services responsibilities. We are also excited to announce that Mrs. Coppola, formerly Miss Simon from EBIS, will now be Principal at WES.

I look forward to the successes that **ALL** of our students will achieve throughout the upcoming school year! I am excited about what the future holds for our students as we expand opportunities for them by improving not only the facilities they learn in but the teaching and learning experiences they will be provided by our amazing faculty and staff. Together, we will strive to exemplify excellence in all that we do and make a positive difference in the lives of our students.

As partners in education, we are asking parents and students to recognize the importance of children **being at school everyday**. Being present is essential for students to learn. There is plenty of research indicating a strong, direct correlation between students' academic, emotional and social success and their attendance in school. The interactions that occur between student and teacher and also between student and student is extremely powerful. That is why here in

Webutuck, we believe that “**Every Day Counts**”! This will be one of our mottos for the upcoming school year. We truly hope that together, we can make sure that students are in attendance every day. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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