

*December 2020*

*To the Massapequa School Community:*

*2020 was a year like no other! If this pandemic taught us anything, it's to be grateful for our health, families, and each other. I am grateful for the resiliency, flexibility, and dedication exhibited by members of the Massapequa school community during this difficult time. We've been challenged in ways thought unimaginable just one short year ago and learned that though we can't control the world around us, we can control our reaction to it.*

*The holiday season is truly a magical time! It's a time for celebrating and gatherings, a time for giving and sharing. It's a smile for a neighbor, forgiveness for a past grievance, a reaching out to a stranger. Although this year will look and feel different, the true meaning of the holiday endures. May you spend meaningful time with the people close to your heart (even if it is on Zoom) and may the season bring you immeasurable happiness and joy that lasts throughout the year.*

*As Frosty the Snowman said, "There's a certain magic that comes with the very first winter snow, and when that snow is also a Christmas snow, well, something wonderful is bound to happen." Through this holiday season, I wish you moments of peace amid the difficulties, a deep connection with family and friends even if they can't be in person, the warmth of memories from holidays past, and joyful glimpses for the promise of 2021.*

*On behalf of the Board of Education and administrative team, may the holiday season warm your homes and brighten all your roads with peace, love, joy, and good health!*

*Warm wishes,*

*Lucille F. Iconis*

*Superintendent of Schools*