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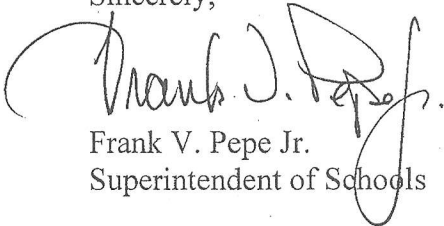
Dear Parents:

Our teachers and administrators are working harder than ever to use assessment results to guide instructional decisions in order to maximize student achievement. One way in which we do this is to carefully analyze the results of classroom performance alongside the results of the New York State Assessments. In 2010, the change in testing dates from January-March to April-May will delay our ability to use the New York State Assessment results as part of our plan for effective class placement in the coming school year.

In order to make the best possible placement decisions utilizing all student achievement data available, and to accommodate these later test dates, we will no longer be able to inform you of your child's next teacher on the June report card. We are aware that you will want to acquire class materials during the summer months and that every child wants to know who their new teacher will be as early as possible. We anticipate providing you with this information in our summer mailings on or about August 1st.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Our teachers, administrators, and I are all confident that this slight delay will enable us to provide the best possible placement for your child in the coming school year.

Sincerely,



Frank V. Pepe Jr.
Superintendent of Schools