



## A Note from Dr. Robert Hunt

### BARRINGTON'S SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REFLECTS ON COMMUNITY GENEROSITY

**T**HE HOLIDAY SEASON provides an opportunity for reflection and appreciation.

I feel extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as Barrington 220's Superintendent of Schools. There are many factors that lead to effective schools. One of the most important is a strong collaboration and partnership between the district, family, and community. This has obviously been at the foundation of what has allowed Barrington 220 to successfully navigate a global pandemic and continue to offer a program that develops students academically, socially, and emotionally. In addition, it is the ongoing generosity over many years by our district stakeholders that has continuously led to Barrington 220 being recognized as a district of excellence.

In March 2020, our community generously passed a \$147 million referendum. This was all

made possible through a collective effort by many stakeholders who gave their time and ideas over the course of the past few years in order to make this a collaborative process. The district is now seeing the fruits of your labor as building renovations and additions are currently happening at Prairie Middle School, Station Middle School, and Grove Avenue Elementary. Design work on significant upgrades to our elementary buildings and Barrington High School are also in the works. This transformational facility work is taking place through 2025 and it will not only improve the environment within our schools, but also enhance the educational experience of our students.

In addition, through the generosity of parent volunteers, as well as many community organizations, we are able to consistently support student growth academically, athletically, and within the

arts, as well as provide students access to resources, programs, and experiences that support social and emotional health.

Over the last year and a half, our staff and students have also gone above and beyond to help one another, as they have had to adapt to new ways of learning through virtual, hybrid, and in-person school. Our staff has been committed and flexible, which has allowed our students to move forward and achieve, despite the ever-changing environment.

Lastly, my family and I have been the recipients of overwhelming generosity as we have transitioned into the Barrington 220 community over the past several months. You have welcomed us with open arms, and we feel fortunate to have the opportunity for our children to learn and grow in such a wonderful environment.

I hope you have a joyous and healthy holiday season and I look forward to all of the wonderful learning experiences that await during the second half of the 2021-22 school year. 