



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As I reflect on my professional journey, I want to take this moment to thank you for being part of a most rewarding career in education. Over the course of 50 years with the Department of Education, I have cherished the wonderful friendships I have made — as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and finally as your superintendent.

For the past 13 years in District 20, serving the dedicated professionals, hardworking students, and wonderful families has been a privilege, particularly since I grew up in District 20, attending elementary, middle and high school here.

Supporting the work of outstanding administrators and staff — who are passionately committed to providing the best learning opportunities for all of our students, continually inspiring them and preparing them for a bright and successful future — has been an honor. We have been able to accomplish this with a talented, supportive, and skilled District Team. I know that they will continue their commitment and dedication to the schools, nurturing environments where all students are motivated to succeed.

As I approach my retirement date of August 31st, I know my career has been enriched by your support, friendship, and our shared aim: to make a meaningful and lasting difference in children's lives.

I wish you all the best and continued success in your personal and professional endeavors. I will think of the District often with fond memories as I begin this next chapter of my life.

*“Hope is that thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all.”  
Emily Dickenson*

Warm regards,

Karina Costantino