

Tuxedo Union Free School District
Tuxedo Park, New York 10987

Ms. Nancy Teed
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Marc Matatia
Business Administrator

Dear Parents & Community Members,

The 2018-2019 school year is well under way as students return eager to learn. Both students and staff are working hard with the Common Core Standards Curriculum and our teachers have been preparing for the Next Generation Learning Standards by attending professional development trainings continuously throughout the summer and school-year. I will be holding monthly “Coffee Talks” open to community members who would like to meet to discuss hot topics in education, discuss concerns, or share ideas on enhancing and strengthening the relationship between the district and the community even further. This is your community and the school district is an integral part of that community. I welcome your ideas and what you bring to the table.

It is with great pride that I highlight some of the accomplishments for the 2017-2018 school year. Our students in grades 3-8 took top honors on the Math State Assessments out of a three county comparison including Orange, Ulster and Sullivan Counties. Tuxedo posted a proficiency percentage of 69 while the NYS average was 45 percent. On the English Language Arts Test, Tuxedo posted a 66 percent proficiency rate while the NYS average was 45 percent.

I attribute the academic success of our students to the STEM models that have been implemented in both GGM and GFB. The STEM model at the high school is in its sixth year and at GGM it is in its fourth year. All classes engage students with design challenges and project-based activities incorporating science, technology, engineering and mathematics that have practical applications and real world connections. Our students go on field trips that are related to the STEM curriculum and we anticipate incorporating more field trips that reflect the humanities this year. High school students are provided with internship opportunities to gain real world experiences in fields of interest.

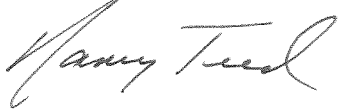
The music programs at both GGM and GFB have participants at all levels who come together to demonstrate their amazing skills for the district. Select students compete at county levels and represent our district with pride.

District administration has added new adaptable furniture pieces in GGM this year, providing an environment that will enhance the many learning styles of all students. The high school library has been transformed with a new collegial look consisting of pub style tables and couches. Our goal is to prepare our students for post-secondary learning experiences and there is no better way than to allow them the opportunity to learn and communicate in that environment now.

We also welcome nonresident students on a tuition basis and offer scholarships through the Rockland Community Foundation for eligible students. Please see the information attached on our website for details.

Best wishes for a wonderful experience for the 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Teed". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nancy Teed, Superintendent of Schools