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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE PCTVS SCHOOL COMMUNITY... JUNE 2020**

The 2019-2020 school year is rapidly coming to a close. When we opened our doors in September of 2019 no one could have ever imagined or anticipated that such drastic changes in education would take place. But with change comes creativity and resiliency. Albert Einstein said, "Nothing happens unless something is moved." Education has certainly moved! We are living through circumstances facing our country and world today that has inspired me to reflect upon our expansive PCTVS community and what the Bulldog family accomplishes together. We all know the importance of one strong and supportive community during times of distress...a community of equity, fairness and caring for the whole as well as the individual.

I have always compared our Bulldog community to a fine tapestry. Our students, parents, teachers, administrators and support staff are joined together like the weaves of a tapestry, each of us distinct yet intertwined to form one strong and supportive community. Our culture strives to cultivate relationships among each and every one of us on a daily basis. We make tolerance and cultural awareness a primary focus. We are bound together by our shared commitment to the six pillars of character.... respect, caring, trustworthiness, fairness, responsibility and citizenship.

As a district we have always celebrated our distinctions through numerous programs throughout the school year. We are proud to host annual events which celebrate our uniqueness. These include our cultural recognitions of African American History, Hispanic Heritage and Asian Pacific Heritage. I am thankful to our staff and students who have led these outstanding events. However, these activities go further than the walls of PCTVS by reaching out to neighboring schools, senior care facilities and communities to bring the celebration of culture and accomplishments representative of each ethnicity. Our doors are always open to PCTVS parents and community members to share our celebrations. With the assistance of our enthusiastic students and NJROTC members, our many patriotic programs and ceremonies are commemorated throughout the year as we invite and honor our hero veterans and families in remembrance of important historical events in our country's history. Through our many special recognitions of both student and faculty accomplishments, we have repeatedly demonstrated our unwavering respect, caring and understanding of each other.

Our school district also participates in giving back to our communities by hosting our "Blue Jeans Days" with monies collected for groups such as the United Negro College Fund, UNICEF, March of Dimes, Eva's Village, Habitat for Humanity and many others. Through our curriculum offerings and morning PA announcements we educate our students about historical figures of each culture who have had a positive impact on our society in the areas of Science, Civil Rights, Business, Entertainment, Sports and others. Our large array of world language offerings in Spanish, Arabic, French, Chinese, Japanese and Sign Language enables our students to understand the cultures of our global neighbors. Students who are inducted into the World Language Honor Society have immersed themselves in learning not only the language but the culture as well.



Our faculty and staff exemplify the numerous varied communities we serve, and our many motivated student leadership organizations provide education and understanding of issues in our society. These organizations include:

**ERASE (End Racism and Sexism Everywhere)**

**LEAP (Leaders Emerging Among Peers)**

**LMIT (Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute)**

**GSA Pride**

**Christian and Muslim Student Organizations**

**SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers)**

**NCSSS (National Consortium of Secondary STEM Schools)**

**NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) Will soon become part of our programs.**

**HCU (Member of Hispanic Colleges and Universities)**

Additionally, varied courses encompassed in our curriculum offerings include African American History, American Government Civics, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Latin American Studies, Psychology, Sociology, AP U.S Government/Politics, Intro to Criminal Justice and World History as well as units in our Health/Wellness curriculum that teaches general health skills involving topics in personal growth, relationships, interpersonal communication and character development.

Our STEM Academy was developed to focus on providing an avenue for underrepresented groups an opportunity to pursue STEM related careers in Computer Science, Engineering and Biomedical fields.

As I reflect on our Bulldog family and our rich history of cultural understanding and uniqueness, I am deeply proud of each and every student that passes through our doors. I am immensely thankful that we have developed and nurtured a culture and school climate where “everyone” is celebrated, appreciated and respected. We will continue to welcome and embrace the tremendous contributions of each member of our valued community

I congratulate the great Class of 2020! They will be recognized in the history books as important change agents. Even though their traditional senior year was disrupted, they held a steady course and will now move forward with strength and resilience as they continue on their journey. PCTVS has prepared them well to be successful contributing members of their communities and society. They exemplify the traits of Character Education and know what is expected of them as they become BULLDOG ALUMNI!! God Bless each of you.

As we await direction as to how schools will open in September, I wish to welcome and extend my congratulations to our incoming Class of 2024. You are now an important part of the Bulldog family and experience. You will be held to high expectations both within our walls and in your communities. You will continue the legacy that makes PCTVS ...*“Like NO Place Else”!*



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Moving forward, we will continue to weave our unique PCTVS tapestry making us ONE FAMILY where everyone is an integral member of the school community. Our strength is that “we are” the Bulldog Family and together we will deal with any and all issues that come our way. We continue to be a window of opportunity for all as ‘together’ we develop the capable future work force and valued accomplished citizens throughout our communities.

May God Bless the Bulldog Family. Stay strong and be courageous, for courage is the power to face difficulties. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,



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