September 25, 2020

Dear Red Hook Community:

While the reopening of schools has been a primary focus for the Board and Administrative Team, our district is equally focused on critical reflection and honest conversation in our school community about racial justice, inclusion and equity. In turbulent times, self-reflection and education can be keys to positive change.

Through community partnerships, alumni and student engagement, and guided expert consultancy, we will look to examine our own history, audit our systems and educational programs, research our engagement and related activities and work through ways to best push for a school culture that is equitable and kind and where everyone has the same opportunities to grow and thrive in our school community.

We are certain that we can begin this important work by being compassionate, supportive, and fully inclusive in our programs and in our actions. This is a community effort, stretching beyond the walls of our schools. We are committed to an intentional and unwavering effort to end inherent racism and inherent biases in education and break the barriers that prohibit any student in the Red Hook School District from realizing their full potential.

We look forward to working collaboratively with our community.

Sincerely,

The Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools