



# Superintendent's Column

## We focus on great days of learning

As we near the end of August, our attention turns from the fair, the beach and the more relaxed routines of summer, to new binders and pencils, and the fact that the beginning of another new school year looms closer and closer with each passing day. Please know that as we prepare for the start of school, the goal of each one of the more than 600 employees of the Hamburg Central School District is to assure that each of the days that your child spends with us at school is a great day of learning because of excellence in teaching and leadership.

I wanted to use my space this month to share with you the characteristics of a "great day of learning" at each of the Hamburg Central Schools. Your child has had a great day of learning when she or he:

- Has been required to make their learning visible to the teacher in a meaningful way
- Feels loved, supported and challenged by the adults at school
- Has been inspired to think critically about their learning, to be deeply engaged in their learning and to want to learn more
- Has the opportunity to build positive relationships with classmates
- Is excited to return to school the next day

Every day that I visit our classrooms, I have the opportunity to see the many ways in which our skilled and dedicated educators weave these core principles into the learning experiences they create for your children. I hope that you take a few minutes each day to ask your child about their day of learning at school with these core principles

of a great learning experience in mind.

Seymour Papert once wrote that curriculum is one-billionth of the knowledge of the world, yet we endlessly discuss which one-billionth we are going to teach kids in school. The Common Core Learning Standards, and other sets of learning standards, will come and go as they always have, and we will adapt our curriculum to whatever changes come our way, as we always do. Nevertheless, as long as we continue to maintain our focus on the key elements of a great day of learning, your children will learn and grow, and develop the skills of life-long modern learning:

- Critical, creative and agile thinking
- Productive collaboration
- Effective communication

These highly sought-after skills of modern learners will allow your child to be successful once they've graduated from high school and into a world where people who are willing and able to be continuous and curious learners throughout their adult lives are more valuable than ever.

As always, we appreciate the opportunity to be your partners in the learning and growth of your children. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers, counselors and principals if you feel that there is any way we can assist. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we are looking forward to welcoming your children on the first day of school, which is Thursday, Sept. 7.



Michael Cornell  
Superintendent

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