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Dear Staff, Parents and Community Members:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone experienced a happy and healthy holiday season.

The start of a new year is a time for reflection and making resolutions. It is a time of hope and new beginnings. As we begin the New Year, our administration and staff continues to focus on goals that will provide the students of Roselle Park with the best education possible.

This past year, our students continued to succeed in STEAM related competitions at the State and National level. Our high school's TSA Teams once again finished at the top in many competitions at Nationals, held in Washington, DC. Our Robotics Clubs and STEAM initiatives have been growing in all of our District schools, as well as our technology initiatives. This past year we transitioned our STEAM initiative to the Middle School, as the media center and science labs have been completely renovated to make them future ready. Our district schools once again received a high ranking from Niche, an organization that ranks schools nationally, and the State Department of Education designated Roselle Park Schools a high performing School District. We are all very proud of these accomplishments and will continue to strive to be the best school District in the State.

This past school year, the District was fortunate to receive a Pre-School Expansion Grant that has enabled up to seventy-five pre-school age students receive a free pre-school education. In addition, we have implemented new security measures in our schools; including additional security cameras and a keyless entry system ensuring additional security measures. Furthermore, the District has embarked in a new three-year strategic plan (2019-2022). This plan will serve as the blueprint to move the District forward with new initiatives and programs. One of the major focus of the plan is the implementation of a District-wide ***Social Emotional Learning Initiative***. This initiative will focus on our students' ***“social emotional well-being”*** by integrating social emotional learning strategies into our existing curriculum.

As we look to the New Year, and the future of the Roselle Park School District, we are encouraged by the dedication and passion of our staff, and the enthusiasm and diligence of our students.

The Roselle Park School District continues to be committed to providing the children of Roselle Park with the best education in a safe and secured environment. If at any time, you need information or have questions, please do not hesitate to call your child's school or log on to our website at ***www.rpsd.org***. I would like to wish you and our students much success in 2020!

Sincerely,

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