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Dear Lake Placid Central School District Parents and Community Members:

As I reflect upon last year and look ahead to the 2014-15 school year I have to smile when I consider how fortunate we are to live and work in a community that supports its children and values its schools as much as we do here in Lake Placid and Wilmington.

We have much to be thankful for. LPCSD is a small district where every child is valued, and everyone works extremely hard to ensure that no student slips through the cracks. From the buses to the hallways to the cafeterias to the classroom, our caring staff is constantly looking out for our students' best interests. Our committed and talented teachers challenge students of every age to achieve at the highest levels. Unique attributes like our annual Winter Carnival, our Olympic heritage, and our Alumni Association – founded in 1901 – ground us in tradition. Cutting edge technology and our reputation as a magnet for national and international events helps us to maintain a broad and forward-thinking perspective. Our supportive community takes great pride in our schools, and it shows. As the Superintendent, I am proud of all that we do for our students.

However, even here in Lake Placid we are not immune to the external factors that continually shape and challenge public education at the state and national levels. New Common Core Learning Standards, high stakes tests, and teacher evaluation systems have required us to rethink and at times adjust what we do within the schools. Financial restrictions have created budgetary limits that strain us to find ways we can accomplish more with less. These educational reform initiatives and budgetary pressures tend to dominate national news stories, local newspaper headlines, and even our private conversations. Although these external realities can seem confusing and feel burdensome, I want to assure you that we are navigating these new challenges in thoughtful and productive ways. Most importantly, we are striving to do so in a manner that most benefits our students.

I hope that parents and students will experience these benefits on a daily basis. We are working to support and nurture engaging, rigorous, and meaningful instruction from Kindergarten through grade twelve. We are striving to better understand and address the impact of the Opportunity Gap on student success, and to find ways to help all students – regardless of individual background -- benefit from the excellent educational programs available to them in Lake Placid. We continue to cultivate new and improved communication strategies so that all community stakeholders can gain from and contribute to collaborative educational initiatives. We pride ourselves on placing the interests of students -- first and foremost -- at the center of everything we do. Through these efforts, we hope to have a positive and lasting impact on each and every student.

As we prepare to welcome back students on September 4th, I hope you share my enthusiasm for the upcoming 2014-15 school year. Working together there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

Sincerely,



Dr. Roger P. Catania
Superintendent of Schools