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Dear Dobbs Ferry Community,

We are off and running – literally in some cases – with the 2025–26 school year! We hope that you and your children are enjoying a great start and taking full advantage of all that Dobbs Ferry has to offer—our excellent academic program, wide range of student clubs, ever-growing athletics program, outstanding theatre arts and music opportunities; and a bustling village life. Each of these experiences enriches our students and helps prepare them for success both in school and beyond.

As I have noted before, these opportunities are strengthened by our shared commitment to creating a warm, safe, and welcoming environment for teaching and learning—one built on strong partnerships among families, community members, first responders, and organizations such as the PTSA, the Dobbs Ferry Schools Foundation, and SPRING Community Partners. We simply cannot do what we do without you!

To maintain our high expectations and the corresponding high levels of support for teaching and learning, the Board of Education recently adopted its [goals](#) for the 2025–26 school year. The four areas of focus—fostering strong student attendance, ensuring excellent student learning and growth, maintaining a high-quality and dedicated faculty and staff, and engaging families effectively—are all essential to our students’ success. Strengthening our partnerships so as to support each of these areas will be a key priority this year.

Thank you for your continued partnership, your dedication to our shared mission, and your unwavering support of our schools. It is through this collective effort that our students thrive and that Dobbs Ferry remains a community where excellence in education defines our past, our present, and our future.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and enjoyable fall in the beautiful lower Hudson Valley.

Be well,

Ken Slentz
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