

Dear Windsor High School Community:

I hope all of you were able to spend time with your families over Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Holiday season. It is our hope that you have a happy holiday season.

This letter will speak about the most important initiative we have undertaken in the last few years, Professional Learning Communities. I will also comment on the number one predictor of student success.

One of the three key ideas of the Professional Learning Communities is a focus on student learning. One of the components of student learning is that if students do not learn the information the first time, we expect these students to be re-taught. This re-teaching can take many shapes - Academic Intervention Services (AIS), differentiated instruction during classes, student help during teacher preparation periods or after school and student-scheduled Homework Center. All of these interventions are designed to help students learn the information that the teachers feel is vitally important.

This information that is taught to the students is taken from the New York State Regents Exams and the New York State standards. It is our feeling that if the information is important enough to be in the curriculum, it is essential that our students learn it. If they don't learn it the first time, we have built in systems which allow them to learn the material the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th time. The motto, "whatever it takes" is not just a phrase at Windsor High School; it is the creed we live by.

One of the major reasons for students not learning the important information is attendance. I have mentioned this many, many times, but attendance is the number one predictor of student success! So, please allow me to say this again, do whatever you can to get your students to school/class every day! I thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

I hope all of you have a safe and happy holiday season. If you need to reach us at anytime, please call us at 655-8250, or my email address is chaynes@windsor-csd.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Haynes
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