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Dear Dedicated Staff of the Hempstead School District,

Welcome back! It brings me immense joy to greet each and every one of you as we begin a new chapter in our journey of education and growth. The start of a new school year is always a moment filled with hope, anticipation, and the promise of new opportunities. It is with great pleasure and a deep sense of purpose that I extend my warmest greetings as we embark on a new school year together. My heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our students, their families, and our community. Your dedication is the cornerstone of our district's success, and I am proud to stand alongside such a passionate and devoted team as we start the 2023 – 2024 school year.

This year we will continue to embrace the theme of: "Getting to Greater!" It is my belief that "Getting to Greater" is not just a phrase, but a call to action, a commitment to growth, and a testament to our collective commitment to continuous improvement. No matter the position you hold in the district, you play a vital role in shaping the future of our students, and this theme serves as a reminder that we are all on a path of growth and transformation. Therefore, let us approach this school year with a spirit of collaboration, a commitment to excellence, and a belief in the transformative power of education for our students.

As we set our sights on the year ahead, I am reminded of the incredible strides we have made together. We have overcome challenges, celebrated achievements, and forged connections that have strengthened our bonds as a learning community. It is because of our collective efforts that we open the 2023 – 2024 school year with our middle school and high school no longer in Receivership. This is an awesome fete that must be celebrated! Thank you to the staff, students, and families of both schools for accepting the transformation plans that have removed us from the State's list of schools in need of improvement. Now, with the lessons of yesterday as our foundation, we step boldly into the future with an expectancy of greater.

Each day, you can inspire young minds to believe in themselves, challenge their limits, and strive for excellence. "Getting to Greater" means pushing the boundaries of what we thought was possible and fostering an environment where growth is not just a goal, but a way of life. As we embrace this theme, let's keep a few key principles in mind:


- ✚ Reflect and Innovate: Take time to reflect on your practices and seek out innovative approaches. Let's create an environment that thrives on creativity and encourages new ideas to flourish.
- ✚ Collaborate and Elevate: Together, we can achieve more. Collaboration is the catalyst for progress. Let's leverage our collective expertise to elevate our strategies and outcomes.
- ✚ Champion Growth Mindset: Cultivate a growth mindset within yourselves and your students. Embrace challenges, learn from setbacks, and celebrate every step of the journey.

- ✚ Celebrate Successes: Small victories pave the way for larger triumphs. Recognize and celebrate the incremental successes that lead us on our path to greater achievements.
- ✚ Lead with Passion: Your passion for education is contagious. Your enthusiasm inspires your colleagues and lights the path for our students.

Our journey to "Getting to Greater" will undoubtedly be filled with both triumphs and challenges, but together, there are no limits to what we can achieve! With that said, I want to assure you that your well-being remains a priority. We are here to support you, provide the tools you need, and create an environment where your growth is nurtured. Your success is integral to the success of our students, and I encourage you to take care of yourselves as you continue to uplift those in your care.

Thank you for your tireless efforts, your unwavering commitment, and your endless dedication to the students we serve. Here's to a year of growth, achievement, and reaching new heights of GREATNESS!!

With deep appreciation and anticipation,

  
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**Attachment – Two-day Superintendent's Conference Day Schedule**