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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Team Members:

We celebrate so many of our great successes throughout the year at Elizabeth Public Schools to recognize those who have achieved excellence in our schools and offices. During the past week, we were offered a few shining examples that remind us just how special our learning community is.

Winter arrived early this year and brought a mess of snow and sleet, crippling traveling conditions for seemingly the entire State of New Jersey. While Mother Nature had commuters snarled in her clutches, many of our students waited at school or in buses to have a parent pick them up and return home. Fortunately, we have a great team of professionals here in our learning community dedicated to the social, intellectual, and physical well-being of our students who stayed for several hours beyond dismissal time to ensure our students remained comfortable at school while waiting for their parents and guardians to arrive. Equally heroic were our bus drivers, navigating the harsh elements, also for several hours, with great skill and calmness to deliver all of our students to their homes without incident.

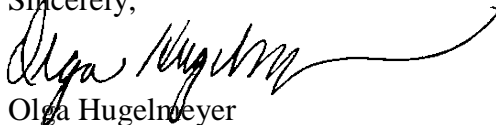
For anyone who remained cold from the lingering chilly temperatures and snow from Thursday, warmth came our way through the heartfelt generosity of organizations from the greater community who visited our schools to donate turkeys to Elizabeth Public Schools families, helping to make sure everyone has the privilege to enjoy a warm meal on Thanksgiving as they deserve.

I am so thankful to be surrounded by such a great team dedicated to providing our students with a high quality education so they can fulfill their dreams. I welcome you to express your gratitude by sharing with our community something for which you are thankful.

By using the hashtag #EPSisthankful on Facebook and Twitter, you can share why you feel our community is a special place or anything else for which you may feel gratitude. Your posts can be viewed on their respective Facebook and Twitter hashtag pages or at <https://www.epsnj.org/thanksgiving>.

Thank you again for all you do to make Elizabeth Public Schools a truly special place. May you enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving blessed by the company of those you love the most and memories that are cherished for a lifetime.

Sincerely,



Olga Hugelmeyer

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