

Olga Hugelmeyer Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Elizabeth Public Schools Team Members:

Our work at the Elizabeth Public Schools is so important because the academic, social, and emotional lessons and experiences we provide our students will serve them in their future endeavors for the rest of their lives. We receive them as young boys and girls and send them off as young men and women prepared to succeed in college, in their chosen careers, and wherever their lives may take them. Some of our students may leave our school system and return to see their teachers, administrators, and members of their learning community, while others may never see the members of their school community again. One thing that is certain is they will carry special memories of those who inspired them to achieve excellence and equipped them with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in their lives.

On Sunday, we will celebrate an exceptional group of people who have provided those cherished gifts to our students. They are blessed with the gift of wisdom to pass to their children to help them on their life's journey, the gift of patience to allow their children to develop their own wisdom and experience through learning from their mistakes, and the gift of love to be their children's biggest and loudest supporter when they succeed, reach milestones, and achieve dreams.

Mother's Day is a special reminder that we are honoring the lives of our mothers who are still here with us as well as those who have passed, for the portrait of a mother is equal parts the works they have done with the gifts they received from their own mother and the works they have done to pass their own gifts to the generations that followed them.

Thank you to the mothers of our district in honor of Mother's Day for providing cherished gifts that will forever remain in the lives and hearts of our students and the Elizabeth Public Schools family. I will always appreciate all that you do and the sacrifices you make for both your families.

Best wishes for a Mother's Day that brings you the cherished gifts that you have already provided to so many.

Sincerely,

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