

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the City School District of Albany truly is proud of the many, many opportunities we provide for the children of our city.

We point with considerable gratification to:

- The availability of prekindergarten in all of our elementary schools and in partnership with community agencies, as well as full-day kindergarten and an expanded early literacy program. Literacy development in the early years is so important for success later on.
- Three theme-based magnet elementary schools, including Montessori, as well as a Pre-K-8 school model for students who might excel in those environments.
- A growing Dual Language Program at Delaware Community School. This is not English as a Second Language, but rather a chance for elementary students to be fluent in English and Spanish. It speaks to the world community.
- Albany High's rich offerings: 18 Advanced Placement (AP) classes (no area district offers more), four foreign language options and more than 60 clubs.
- The groundbreaking NanoHigh partnership with the University at Albany College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. Many jobs our students will have in the future have not even been invented yet. We want to prepare them for careers, college and graduate work in this ever-expanding field.
- Albany High's International Baccalaureate (IBO) program. It provides an opportunity for students to participate in a rigorous high school program that is accepted worldwide. For families who emigrate to Albany from another country, the IBO offers a way to continue in their high school education and it is accredited across international lines.
- A solid and re-energized athletics program. While we promote our athletics and encourage our student-athletes, we also emphasize a priority on academics. Balance is key.
- Community partnerships, including programs with local colleges and universities, social welfare agencies and area businesses. The full-service school model is working well and we hope to expand that. This partnership has helped the district address those non-pedagogic barriers to learning that, if managed, allow the classroom teachers to do their job more efficiently.



We are proud of our achievements and work hard to provide the best opportunities for our students. Everything the district does should always be in partnership with parents,

students and the community. Our ultimate goal is to help children see and realize their potential.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Barnette". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

William Barnette
President, Board of Education