To the Buffalo Public School Community At-Large:

The 2018-19 school year was our finest to date! Together, we are changing the long-standing narrative from what’s wrong to what’s strong within the Buffalo Public Schools (BPS). Our children, our teachers, our schools, and our school district are the City of Buffalo’s greatest treasures. Through solid planning and execution, we are now a thriving school district. To know us is to love us!

In four years, the number of district Schools in Good Standing have tripled from 14 to 42, (75%) the highest number and percentage in BPS history. Conversely, the number of Receivership Schools have dwindled from 25 to 3. The Education Bargain is our transformation plan to accomplish breakthrough work on behalf of children and families. Our mantra is: “Going Deeper, Getting Better, Breaking Through”. There is clear evidence to indicate that:

- The Board is collectively focused on good governance, on increasing student achievement, and on providing greater access, equity, opportunity, and quality for all students;
- We are pouring more enrichments into our Rigorous Early Elementary Education curriculum than ever before;
- 21 Strong Community Schools are thriving across the four quadrants of the city;
- New Innovative High Schools will be graduating their first classes over the next two years, half of our high schools boast graduation rates above the state average, and we expect to crest an historic 70% under this administration;
- 200 Community-based Organizations are fully engaged in helping us support the “whole child” needs of our students;
- Parents and children are talking publicly about being pleased with their school experiences and what our schools have to offer them;
- Leading edge training is being provided to all professional staff in the areas of Trauma-Informed Care, Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching, Restorative Practices, and Disproportionality, (TAC-D);
- The District is in its strongest business operations and fiscal condition in many years;
- We are working at unprecedented high levels of recognized collaboration and engagement with our major constituents – the Mayor’s Office, regional businesses, higher education institutions; civic and philanthropic organizations, law enforcement and the judiciary community, faith-based organizations, health care partners, legislative delegation, and all levels of government.

In short, thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of the Buffalo Public Schools team members who are doing this national proof point work. Come join us! Keep striving! Enjoy your summer!

Dr. Kriner Cash
Superintendent