



# Smithtown Central School District

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**Mark Secaur, Ed.D.**  
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Dear Smithtown School Community,

As I mentioned in last week's welcome back letter, the district is launching the Smithtown Promise initiative this year. The Smithtown Promise outlines [four principles](#) and [16 habits](#) for adults and young people to establish and nurture.

It is the school district's responsibility to provide the support necessary for our students to reach their full potential and to remove barriers that may impede progress towards that goal. The Smithtown Central School District is committed to creating a culture of dignity that leads to a greater sense of belonging for our students, staff and stakeholders. The Smithtown Promise is rooted in research-based practices and reflects a focus on engaging the community in support of the established vision and values of the Smithtown Central School District. This work is aligned with our Board of Education's [Goals for 2024-2025](#) and the [Smithtown 2027 Strategic Plan](#).

The values embedded in the Smithtown Promise are already stressed in our classrooms in many ways. The promise is not a program or curriculum that needs implementing, but will serve as a reference point and tool for motivating our students while setting expectations and desired norms within our school community. The Smithtown Promise offers us the opportunity to approach this important work in a more consistent and systematic fashion by utilizing a common vocabulary and set of expectations.

Additional information related to the Smithtown Promise can be found on the district website [HERE](#).

It is our hope that you will support this initiative and make "the promise" with us by reinforcing these principles and habits with your children. With your cooperation and collaboration, we can help create the environment we all want for our children to thrive.

Sincerely,

Mark Secaur, Ed.D.  
Superintendent