Many fantastic achievements were accomplished throughout Winfield CSD during the 2015-16 school year, strengthening our foundation for continued growth and success. I’m extremely proud that our district successfully launched a one-to-one technology program for students in grades 4-12 with the implementation of district-managed tablet devices. Feedback from students, teachers, and parents continues to be positive, revealing the strength of digital classrooms and online learning. We are on our way to preparing our children for a future of careers that may not yet exist, using technologies that await discovery.

Additionally, our district strives to be innovative with our resources to ensure we remain financially responsible to our stakeholders. On behalf of the district and Board of Education, thank you for your continued investment in our students -- the 2015-16 school budget passed with a 78 percent approval rate.

As Superintendent, I remain committed to the success of our students. I encourage you to flip through the following pages for a “snapshot” of some great accomplishments that took place at Winfield CSD during the 2015-16 school year. As always, I welcome your thoughts and questions.

Sincerely,
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The Winfield Central School District (CSD) is located 20 miles southeast of Syracuse, New York in the village of Winfield and home to nearly 3,500 students. Consistently recognized for its award-winning academic programs, the Winfield CSD prides itself on being a leader in 21st century technology integration and ensuring equitable access to digital learning tools for all students. Learn more about Winfield CSD at www.winfieldcsd.org.

A NOTE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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CLASS OF 2016 MAKE THEIR MARK
Seventy-seven percent of Winfield CSD’s graduates plan to continue their formal education at two or four-year colleges throughout the United States. To view an interactive Google Map detailing the colleges and universities that the Class of 2016 will be attending, please go to www.winfieldcsd.org/grads.

MARCHING BAND PERFORMS ON NATIONAL STAGE
The district’s award-winning marching band made its Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade debut on Nov. 26. Nearly 150 Winfield High School musicians experienced the opportunity of a lifetime as they performed along the famous 2.5-mile parade route. View the band’s televised performance at www.winfieldcsd.org/video.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EARN BLUE RIBBON RECOGNITION
Congratulations to J. Ray Middle School, a 2015-16 Blue Ribbon recipient. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private schools based on their overall academic excellence. Middle School Principal Jen DePerno traveled to Washington, D.C. in February 2016 to attend a recognition ceremony on behalf of the school. Learn more about the distinction at www.winfieldcsd.org/jrayms.

WINFIELD WILDCATS EARN STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
The 2015-16 Girls Varsity Softball season was a homerun as the Wildcats secured the coveted New York State Championship for the first time in the school district’s history. See photos from the award-winning season at www.winfieldcsd.org/softball.

PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES
As part of our Teaching with Technology initiative, every student in grades 4-12 was enrolled in Google Apps for Education, which encourages sharing and collaboration with fellow students and teachers.

TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATIONS
Eighty percent of Winfield Elementary students participated in at least one hour of coding in the classroom on a daily basis. Through a combination of hands-on robotic activities and computer simulations, students strengthened their critical thinking skills.

CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH CODING
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The key in all of this is good instructional design along with a consistent vision and culture built by school administration. It’s not about the digital device; it’s about enhancing the way we teach, and students’ learn.”

- Josh Bates, J. Ray Middle School Teacher

“According to NYSED.org
Winfield CSD seventh grader Jack Jones knows what it takes to be a role model. Whether it’s in the classroom, on the soccer field, or while participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer program, Jones is passionate about doing the right thing. “I’ve always wanted to do my best and try to make a positive difference,” said Jones. It’s that mindset that helped Jones be selected as one of 25 Winfield CSD’s students to participate in the district’s new “Leadership Today” program.

Launched in October 2015, “Leadership Today” aims to empower students and encourage them to explore their potential as young leaders. Developed in collaboration with community leaders, the program pairs students one-on-one with mentors who provide guidance throughout the experience.

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The Winfield CSD is invested in helping every student achieve his or her fullest potential. For many, that means pursuing college credits while still in high school. The district offers 17 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, as well as hands-on career and technical training through a collaborative relationship with community businesses and BOCES. For a detailed look at the district’s rigorous academic offerings, go to www.winfieldcsd.org/education.

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“Creating Leaders at Winfield CSD” is now being accepted. To learn more about “Leadership Today” or to apply, please go to www.winfieldcsd.org/leadershiptoday.
CONNECT WITH WINFIELD CSD

LinkedIn Connections: 654
Facebook Fans: 1,236
Twitter Followers: 635
Unique web hits on winfieldcsd.org: 3,145,645
(That's a 33% increase from last year!)

SAVE THE DATES

SEPT. 14
First Day of School

SEPT. 18
Homecoming Night

Go to www.WinfieldCSD.org for details.