

Third Quarter Report to the Commissioner

Hempstead

April/May/June 2018

Dear Commissioner Elia,

It is important to start with the fact that the track record established at the High School last quarter when the turmoil of the first half of the school year was dramatically reduced continued through the end of the school year. Safety and security need to continue to improve but the High School staff and District Security need to be recognized for the improvement from the fall when there were almost daily fights in the building or on the grounds. The atmosphere is much improved and fear has been greatly reduced.

The District has also made significant progress in upgrading the number and quality of security video cameras.

As of the start of the 2018-19 school year, two school resource officers (SRO in l be.9(o s)--8.1(4(f([H-8(t)-13h24.43.2(i)n4e(

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Let me start by noting that the 2018 valedictorian will be attending Harvard and the 2018 salutatorian will be attending Yale. This is not to minimize the challenges facing the High School but to illustrate the fact that a portion of Hempstead graduates are fully competitive with graduates anywhere. The challenge is to bring all enrolled students up to achievement which meets their full potential.

The results for the full year will not be complete until after summer school. Accordingly, I would like to wait until a future report to discuss the final 2017

