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## **2019 Superintendent's Thanksgiving Holiday Message:**

To our students, parents, faculty, staff and members of the Board:

During this season of gratitude, I want you all to know how grateful I am to have a team that is as hardworking and dedicated as you. Our success and the success of our children is not possible without you. Your willingness to take on every challenge is admirable. I want to thank you for all that you do to make our team stronger and more successful day-to-day. We are so fortunate to have you as a partner in this work.



As our district continues to thrive and grow, we've broken ground on multiple new facilities this year, thanks to the public's trust in our financial stewardship. The Beach High Auditorium addition, Islands High Athletic Complex and New Hampstead K8 are now officially underway, while the new White Bluff Elementary facility nears completion and demolition has begun for the new Jenkins High School facility. We also cut the ribbon a few weeks ago on the completed CTAE labs at the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High and have announced the addition of a new Choice Program at Groves High School. The Aviation Manufacturing and Service Pathway has come to fruition through a partnership with Gulfstream Aerospace and Savannah Technical College.

Our students continue to succeed, and graduation rates continue to rise. For the fifth year, SCCPSS has exceeded the state average with a graduation rate of 87.8%. Our Early Learning initiatives are impacting our most vulnerable populations and celebrating the potential of our youngest scholars. Our families are served by award winning programs like the Family-Friendly Partnership at Hodge Elementary promoted by State School Superintendent Mr. Richard Woods to create welcoming environments. And we have yet another National Green Ribbon School award winner in Gadsden Elementary School.

The Thanksgiving holiday gives us an opportunity to step back from the many demands of work to appreciate family and friends. It is also a time to reach out and help those in need and to take time to share our blessings. Let us also take a few moments to express gratitude to the honorable men and women in military service, some who are far away from home. I hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with your family, friends, and the ones that you love, filled with abundance and bright moments. May the good things of life be plentiful, not only on Thanksgiving but throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

*M. Ann Levett*

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SCCPSS Superintendent

*Mission - To ignite a passion for learning and teaching at high levels.  
Vision - From school to the world: All students prepared for productive futures*