

## From the Superintendent

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year in the Canton Public Schools. I am proud to say that the Canton Public Schools are a leader among public schools in Connecticut.

As you may be aware, the Board of Education adopted a new Strategic Plan to guide the work of the Canton Public Schools over the course of the next five years. A Strategic Planning Steering Committee, comprised of representatives from the school community, as well as the community at large, developed this plan. You can access the entire document, [\*Raising the Bar 2009-2014\*](#), on our website. The following strategic issues will be the focus of our work in the year ahead:

- District-wide communication that is informative, timely, and responsive
- Leadership that builds, grows, and inspires vision and commitment
- Teaching, learning, and assessment practices that promote development, innovation, and accountability for students and teachers
- Curriculum that is relevant, rigorous, well coordinated, and effectively communicated
- Management of resources that maximizes financial assets and encourages human growth
- Culture and climate that is rooted in ownership, commitment, and generosity



During the winter and spring I held a series of Neighborhood Coffees where residents gathered to give me feedback regarding our School Budget, as well as our School District as a whole. The feedback I received during these gatherings was extremely helpful to me. I would like to continue with these throughout the school year. If you are interested in hosting one or would like more information, please contact me.

It is because of all of you that the Canton Public Schools are so successful. Our School District is a *Lighthouse District*, one that other communities look to. Our work with you as partners in your child's education allows us to provide opportunities for them to be successful each and every day. Communication is so important and we are looking to continually improve our schools every day. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, school principal, or me if we can help you in any way.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2011-2012 school year filled with challenges and new learning.