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TO: RSU 9 Families and Students  
FROM: Christian M. Elkington, Superintendent  
RE: Reflecting on 2025: A Message of Unity and Gratitude!  
DATE: 1-1-2026

First, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our families and students for your excellent support of our schools and staff throughout 2025. As we all navigate the various expectations and challenges of modern life, we know that true cooperation is not always easy. However, the benefits of working together are life changing. Whether you are reaching out with a concern, sharing a celebration, or showing patience as you gather information, please know that your partnership is deeply appreciated by all of the staff in RSU 9.

As we enter 2026, I have been reflecting on the many ways our school community has come together over the last four months. Each time we establish a sense of unity, we create a foundation that ensures our students' present and future success.

There is no better way for our students to thrive than through a collective effort to build trust and cooperation. This partnership allows our students to:

- **Feel safe and cared for** within their school environment.
- **Stay engaged and curious** as they grow.
- **Develop their hearts and minds** through active and shared learning experiences.

By modeling respect and trust, we provide a powerful example for our students that will support their long-term achievement and growth. Research consistently highlights the importance of this connection, but more importantly, we know from our own daily lives how vital cooperation truly is.

Thank you for the dedication you showed in 2025. I look forward to building on our shared successes and working through future challenges together to make 2026 our best year yet.

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