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Dear East Islip Staff and Community:

It is hard to believe that the unofficial beginning of summer is here. Once again what you folks do on a daily basis is inspiring. Your hard work and dedication to our students is truly appreciated. I hope you all get a chance to spend this weekend doing something that you enjoy with the ones you love as you recharge your batteries in preparation for the last month of the 2018/19 school year.

During this weekend and throughout the year please take time to thank those who serve and have served this country so that we enjoy the freedoms and the opportunities afforded to us. The simplest "thanks for serving" means a great deal when you see a brave young man/woman in uniform or a veteran simply wearing a hat that commemorates their service. In the many conversations I have had with veterans and active duty service personnel it is amazing to me how a simple "thank you" brings a smile to their faces. When you put the political rhetoric aside, I have never met anyone who has served in the armed forces who prefers guns and battle over humanitarian works.

So, as we celebrate this Memorial Day it is okay to dream of a world where our service men and women provide relief to victims of natural disasters, build schools and roads in rural areas of America or third world countries. These brave men and women who risk their lives, so we can be free deserve to enjoy the lives that we are so fortunate to have without the threats and hardships they face so bravely and with such dignity. So, if this is truly a vision or dream that we have, remember dreams only come true when you get up out of bed, roll up your sleeves and work hard for them to come true. Let us all promise to work together to build a world where problems are solved through thought.

Charity and service truly do begin at home. Please take a moment to thank our brave first responders in the police and fire departments who whenever called they are there to help. The Fire Department and Volunteer Exchange Ambulance is desperately in need of volunteers; this is a great way to help serve your community. Please consider joining and/or supporting your local Fire Department and Exchange Ambulance crews. Joining, supporting or simply thanking those who have protected and served or who currently are protecting and serving are expressions of Patriotism.

As always thank you for your support. Remember to thank those who have served, are serving and most importantly remember those who have given their lives, so we can have so much.

Sincerely,

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