

Good evening, School Board members.

Tonight, I am pleased to recognize Samantha Kapaun and Maria Flore-stano for their exceptional commitment to our students' success.

Samantha, a mental health professional, and Maria, a paraprofessional at Denfeld High School, went above and beyond their regular duties by organizing events during February break at AICHO and NYS.

These events provided Denfeld students with a valuable opportunity to catch up on homework, receive tutoring, and obtain information about credit recovery.

Their efforts were a great success, with over a dozen families and students attending the events. And, they are hosting similar events over Spring Break.

This initiative demonstrates their dedication to supporting our students' academic journeys and providing them with the resources they need to succeed.

Furthermore, Samantha and Maria demonstrated their commitment to our families by meeting them in spaces where they feel comfortable, rather than asking families to come to us.

This embodies our commitment to family engagement.

Please join me in expressing our sincere appreciation to Samantha and Maria for their outstanding contributions.