

2023 Superintendent's Message

It is hard to believe the start of the 2023- 2024 school year is just right around the corner! We are eager to welcome you back to school and encourage you to help us make the school year a successful time for our students.

The beginning of school always brings a variety of emotions — excitement, anticipation, and yes, a little bit of nerves for students, teachers, parents, staff, and administrators alike. The start of a new school year is always full of introductions and reconnections with old friends — all while learning to navigate new class schedules, new teachers, and in some cases, new schools. Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel are committed to helping make these changes a positive and rewarding experience.

The excitement of the 2023-24 school year is just beginning. This school year we will be updating the discipline procedures. Information about the changes will be on the website and at each building; please feel free to look over how discipline will be handled. We are continuing the process of ensuring a safe environment; please remember that schools must maintain a high-security level. Anyone wishing to visit the buildings must go through a single door. These are the main doors to each of our buildings.

With the curriculum, we have been working to enhance many areas of our programming to aid all students to be successful in their academics. The reading tutors will be ongoing this school year for the elementary schools. The positive behavior support program at all of our buildings will also be continuing. Those changes begin with everyone looking toward our vision to provide and inspire achievement and accountability that maximizes quality learning to focus our energies on improvement.

Our primary goal this school year will be to enhance our reading and math programs to raise the bar for staff and students. We must exceed expectations and work to get all students proficient in both of these areas of our curriculum. We continue to work on the Science of Reading throughout the grade levels for our reading goal. In math, we are focusing on addressing specific areas of standards that are demonstrated as weaknesses.

With the many tasks and challenges that face administrators, teachers, parents, and students every day, we believe the best way to continually improve is to focus our initiatives. By directing our energies on programs that can make substantial change, we will provide our community of learners an opportunity for life-long success. Those initiatives include programs for The Leader in Me, Next Generation Learning, Foundations reading and writing, and Career and College Pathways.

We look forward to educating the children of the North Fork Local School District and thank you sincerely for all of the support and positive comments you have given us throughout the years. I encourage everyone to set new goals, think big, and embrace new connections and experiences.

Enjoy these last days of summer, and best wishes for a positive, productive, and rewarding school year.

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Superintendent