

2024 Superintendent's Message

It is hard to believe the start of the 2024-2025 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 is committed to helping make these changes a positive and rewarding experience.

The excitement of the 2024-2025 school year is just beginning. This school year our focus will be on the four pillars, our strategic plan for improvement. One particular update is the addition of 21st-century skills to our goals. Please feel free to look over the updated four pillars on our web page under the “About Us” tab. 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.

Regarding curriculum, we have been working to enhance many areas of our programming to aid all students to be successful in their academics. English and math are an ongoing focus for total district improvement. The reading tutors will be used again this school year for the elementary schools. The positive behavior support program at all of our buildings will also be continuing. The changes we make are for the betterment of all students academically. This will have everyone looking toward our vision to provide and inspire achievement and accountability that maximizes quality learning to focus our energies on improvement.

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*, 21st-century skills, the science of reading, 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