

2022 Superintendent's Message

The old saying “the older you get the faster time goes” certainly is true. It is hard to believe the start of the 2022- 2023 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 is committed to helping make these changes a positive and rewarding experience.

The excitement of the 2022-23 school year is just beginning. We are continuing the process of ensuring a safe environment through the enhanced cleaning process we have been following. 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 curriculum we have been working to enhance many areas of our programming to aide all students to be successful in their academics. The reading tutors and math support 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 for improvement.

A primary goal this school year will be to enhance student attendance. The district is focused on getting our student's back into the buildings – they cannot learn if they are not here. We have met with the county attendance officer, and Judge Lang from the Juvenile courts to put a plan together to help get our students to improve their attendance. Mr. Maxwell will also be helping the county attendance officers by making calls and home visits to assist parents with any needs they may have in getting their student to school.

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