

Greetings La Porte ISD stakeholders!

Today is a great day to be a Bulldog! I want to take this moment to say *Thank you!*

*Thank you, La Porte ISD parents* for your unwavering support through this 2020-21 school year! It has been an unconventional year to say the least, but it has also been a good year, thanks to you!

*Thank you, La Porte ISD students!* The challenges you faced this school year are equal to none other in recent memory, but you persevered; not only have you endured, but you have also emerged successful in every way! Throughout this week, you are experiencing the fruits of your labor as you graduate to the next grade level. Later this week, more than 520 seniors will walk across the graduation stage and will begin their futures in college, work, or the military. We are proud of each and every one of you!

*Thank you, La Porte ISD teachers and support staff!* Without a doubt, the work that you do is among the most difficult – you have continued to be the merchants of hope and the nation builders and for that we are grateful. This school year brought a great many challenges (on top of the ones you already face), and you held firmly to help ensure that our students received the education they deserve. Your commitment and passion for our students is unparalleled.

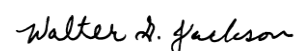
*Thank you, La Porte ISD administrators!* Our district's reputation as an innovative and forward-thinking organization always willing to lead the way is greatly due to your leadership skills and vision for excellence. When we made the decision to begin our school year on time, we knew it wouldn't be easy – or popular. It was the same in January, when we became one of the first school districts in Texas to return entirely to in-person learning. Many people shook their heads at our purposefulness; soon though, they followed our lead.

*Thank you, La Porte ISD Board of Trustees!* You are the standard-bearer of everything we do in our district, and your steadfast support has enabled us to continue growing our level of excellence. It has been your vision and leadership that has allowed me to lead this awesome school district, and your leadership has provided the resources for us to cultivate and develop a curriculum team that we believe will help us forge a new direction for teaching and learning in our district.

*Thank you, to all stakeholders* who are helping us remain open for business this summer! Whether you're a classroom teacher, coach, custodian or child nutrition or staff member, your dedication to our students is worthy of tremendous adulation. I encourage our students to take advantage of every opportunity that we are offering: academic and fine arts enrichment programs, and a growing list of summer athletics camps.

*Thank you, La Porte Community!* In all our endeavors this school year, our community has championed our district and together we have worked to Keep La Porte Strong!

Sincerely,



Dr. Walter Jackson

Superintendent of Schools