

Dear La Porte Stakeholders, today is a great day to be a Bulldog!

Spring has long been considered a time for renewal in nature. This spring is extra special, as it also brings a renewed spirit following a year during which the nation was forced to live in a bubble.

Almost a year to the day that the nation went into pandemic lockdown, La Porte ISD celebrated – in person – some of our most distinguished alumni and citizens. On March 24, we celebrated La Porte High School's Top 100 academic scholars, also at an in-person event.

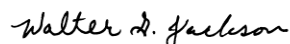
I am happy to share that prior to our Spring Break, 98 percent of La Porte ISD's students were attending in-person learning. This is a remarkable accomplishment as many school districts in our state and our area cannot go on record to boast these numbers. We continue to reach out to the parents, students and homes of those who are not attending school and we welcome all La Porte ISD students back to in-person learning. We believe that our teachers, principals and support staff offer a world-class education for our students.

We are also thankful that our Board and district administration worked together to determine that, although COVID-19 infections are declining in our area, our district will continue to wear masks, maintain social distance and follow all CDC guidelines through the remainder of the school year. We believe by doing this we have been able to keep our students, staff and ultimately our entire community safe from the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As finances for families and our local businesses continue to be challenged, I am pleased to report that La Porte ISD taxpayers will save more than \$17 million over the next several years after the district effectively reduced the interest rate on one of our 2014 construction bonds from 4.68 on average to 1.81 percent on average.

Finally, in the season of recognizing and honoring our teachers and support staff, we want everyone in our organization to know that we could not have been successful this year without the unwavering dedication and support of all staff. A special thank you to our La Porte ISD maintenance staff, who worked tirelessly to prepare our schools for a safe and warm return after the February winter storm. We appreciate all that you do to Keep La Porte Strong.

In your service,



Dr. Walter Jackson

Superintendent of Schools