

Greetings La Porte ISD stakeholders.

Can you feel it? We are almost there. We are in the final stretch of the school year.

It is hard to believe that there are only weeks remaining in the 2020-21 school year. These weeks are very important for several reasons.

First, we are in the midst of STAAR/EOC testing along with Advanced Placement testing, all while our teachers work hard to wrap up instruction on a positive note. Our students are equally eager to finish the year strong in the classroom, and we appreciate everyone's efforts.

Also important are the traditional rites of passage that our 2020 students missed because of the pandemic: Senior Awards Night; spring performances; senior prom; the senior walk; May graduation; and the elementary field days that we all remember so fondly.

Through carefully planned protocols that we practice daily, I am pleased to report that some of those traditional end of year events will go on as planned this year. However, we are not ready to fully open our schools to visitors at this time, as we continue our persistent efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and diligence in helping us keep our students, staff and community safe and healthy.

As we enter the home stretch of this 2020-21 school year, I want to encourage everyone to stay the course – in the classroom and beyond – and, most of all, finish strong! I know this year has not been an easy one for any of us. In fact, it might have been the most difficult year that our generation has experienced.

I want to remind you that we have almost made it through this. I look forward to seeing you all within the next few weeks as I continue to visit campuses and attend end of the year events. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Annual Sylvan Beach Festival on April 24.

On behalf of the La Porte ISD Board of Trustees, I wish the entire La Porte ISD family good health and great success as we move ahead, and I want to thank you for everything you do to Keep La Porte Strong!

In your service,

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