

Dear La Porte Community,

I am happy to share that our students and staff experienced a successful and exciting first day of school. We want to welcome you back to what we believe will be an adventurous and exciting year. Our district's mission sums up our educational resolve: "Every student's success is our number one priority." Our theme this year is Great Things Happen Here! On the first day of school, I was honored to visit all thirteen of our campuses. My heart was flooded with joy to see so many bright eyes and smiling faces as I visited each campus. In La Porte ISD, genuine love and compassion for all students are a few of the hallmarks that make us a standout among our neighboring districts.

La Porte ISD is committed to supporting our children in every way. Quality education is the great equalizer and currency in our country. As we navigate through these uncertain times, we still believe students learn and develop best when they are with their teachers and peers in person. We hope you will assist us in helping students as we accelerate learning, close gaps, inspire innovation and provide a world-class education to the more than 7,000 students we are privileged to educate. However, there remain some students in our community that have not registered for school. If you know of students who have not yet registered, please encourage them to reach out to the district for a safe return to school.

The COVID-19 pandemic has given us many challenges to overcome. Working together, we will continue to face these challenges head-on. While we are working to mitigate the adverse effects of COVID-19, we ask that you continue to support our efforts by following our health and safety protocols. In addition, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to get your family vaccinated.

We ask that you communicate regularly with your child's teachers and principals. Contact your child's campus if you are unclear of our expectations. We want to maintain an open line of communication with you. Great school districts result from caring and highly engaged communities - get involved. Please support your local school district and campus, and help us make La Porte a highly sought-after destination community and school district for young families wishing to join us.

We thank you for being a great community of parents and stakeholders. I believe we will have a fantastic year, and we look forward to seeing you throughout the community and at various school events.

With Bulldog Pride,

Dr. Walter G. Jackson
Superintendent of Schools