Greetings La Porte ISD.

Today is a great day to be a Bulldog! It is hard to believe that we are halfway through our second semester. Our teachers and support staff have been hard at work helping to ensure that our students receive a world-class education. From STAAR tests to end-of-course exams, our students are preparing for the state standardized tests, which will be administered in April. More state testing will occur in May.

We are so grateful for the many teachers who continue to test their own physical and mental boundaries to ensure that our students continue to learn and succeed. We are equally grateful to our parents for supporting us in our educational endeavors. I hope that Spring Break brought everyone some much-deserved rest and relaxation because we are beginning our stretch run and – together – we can and will finish strong!

While this time of year can bring with it the stress associated with a strong finish, this is also the time of year when you can regularly catch a performance, as our official "concert season" kicks off in late March. Of course, on about any day of the week, our students are competing on the courts, fields, tracks, or courses. I invite you to come out and support the efforts of our outstanding young performing artists and athletes, all of whom are La Porte ISD scholars.

Graduations and summer camps are quickly approaching, and again, I want to encourage everyone to stay the course so that we can finish strong. As always, whether you are a classroom teacher, a parent, or a community member, your concerns are important to us, and our support is unwavering.

It is such a rich blessing to live, work and thrive in a community that deeply cares about the general welfare and education of its students. We choose La Porte because of these unique attributes.

In your service,

Dr. Walter Jackson Superintendent of Schools La Porte ISD