

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

We have so many successes and highlights to share that are happening in our district. Our students continue to compete and thrive at the highest levels. We are equally proud to recognize La Porte High School student, Anthony Zambrano, as a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist, and we are super excited that our boys' and girls' cross country teams qualified for the UIL State Meet! Also, a big congratulations to the La Porte High School Band and Color Guard for advancing to UIL Area as finalists. Thank you to all the wonderful teachers, directors and coaches who helped these exemplary students reach such pinnacles.

These are just a few examples of excellence that our students and staff continue to exemplify. At the October Board meeting, I presented to the Board of Trustees a plan to begin the exploration phase of a needs assessment for a potential May 2022 bond proposal. As many of you know, districts usually call for a bond every eight to ten years to do basic upgrades that keep everything operational. Listed below are a few considerations that a future bond might help to address:

- Possible STEM Academics at all elementary campuses K-5
- Technology Software and Hardware Upgrades
- Maintenance and Operations
- Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing
- Purchase of new school buses
- Facility roof and masonry repairs
- Purchase of musical instruments and uniforms
- Renovation/rebuilding of old and faulty facilities

As our district promotes academic and extracurricular excellence on all levels, we must continue to be forward-thinking at how we approach teaching and learning and all things educational. We strive to ensure that the students of La Porte ISD have the absolute best opportunity to learn, compete, and thrive in our ever-changing global economy. The passage of a bond would ensure that we keep up with the current educational trends and changes that help provide our students with cutting-edge resources. With the support of our community's stakeholders, we will provide our students with a world-class education.

We will hold the first in a series of stakeholder meetings at 6 p.m. on Nov. 9 at La Porte High School, where we will address specifically the issues of a bond exploration package. Please continue to check our website and other social media outlets for future stakeholder meetings.

In your service,

Walter Jackson, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools