

Dear La Porte ISD Stakeholders,

We have completed another outstanding school year, and I want to thank you for your commitment to supporting our district as we strive to provide an excellent education for our students. We have so much to celebrate!

Preliminary STAAR data is in, and we are seeing many bright spots. Still, we will take the time to analyze our data and work to improve in closing learning gaps for all students in every area. Although we take pride in encouraging our students to achieve the highest academic levels, I want you to know that our students and teachers are far more than a mere letter grade or passing score on a yearly state assessment. More than 450 seniors in late May graduated from our two high schools – La Porte High School and The Academy of Viola DeWalt High School. Our seniors are now ready to enter college, the workforce, or military services because of the excellent education they received from La Porte ISD! Great things continue to happen in La Porte, and it is because of everyone's drive and our LP Family synergy that empowers collaboration and love for our students and our community. Thank you!

As we enter summer, many activities will take place within our district, including summer school for students who need math and reading support, and end-of-course retests for high school students. Our summer learning programs are fully staffed, and I appreciate everyone who has committed to helping us continue our educational mission in June. Also, again this summer, our district is also offering a variety of enrichment camps including STEM, athletics, and our popular performing arts camp. Through these fun activities, we continue to support and help our students develop academic, athletic, and artistic excellence. Our staff members will also have many professional development opportunities to help them hone their skills.

Lastly, thanks to the outstanding support of our community with the 2023 La Porte ISD Bond, the landscape at La Porte High School will begin to change very soon as we prepare to build a new Bulldog Stadium and Bulldog Development Centre. We are also beginning the work of making improvements to campuses, and we are preparing for the arrival later in the summer of technology devices that will put our district at a one-to-one computer ratio. La Porte ISD voters passed Propositions A (renovations, infrastructure, safety & security, and Bulldog Development Centre) and B (technology) with 78% approval, and Proposition C (the new stadium) with 73% voter approval. These numbers are historic for our district; they send a very strong message of the value you place upon our school district, and for that, we are truly grateful. We made sure that Bulldog Stadium was open on weekends in late May so that residents could take photos and reminisce. I hope you were able to take advantage of those opportunities as we prepare to continue the Bulldog Stadium legacy that began in 1958. These are exciting times in La Porte ISD and, together, we will continue this district's tradition of excellence.

Wishing you a safe and relaxing summer, with La Porte pride,

Dr. Walter Jackson

Superintendent of Schools