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Dear Community Members,

I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Superintendent of the Watertown City School District. As of May 1, 2023, I assumed the responsibility of leading our district towards excellence in education and fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students. With great pride, I bring to this position 24 years of experience as an educator, spanning all grade levels from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working with diverse communities and witnessing firsthand the transformative power of education in shaping young minds and preparing them for a successful future.

Education has always been my passion, and I firmly believe in its ability to empower individuals and communities. As Superintendent, my primary goal is to ensure that every student within our district has access to an exceptional education that cultivates their unique talents, fosters critical thinking, and equips them with the skills necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.

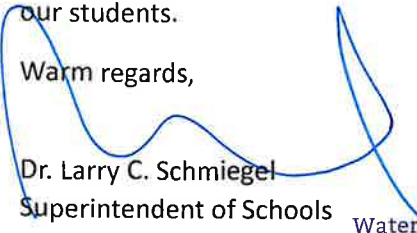
Collaboration and open communication are values that I hold dear. I strongly believe that building strong partnerships with parents, students, teachers, staff, and community members is paramount to the success of our district. Together, we will work towards creating a collaborative and engaging educational environment where everyone's voice is heard and valued.

In my role as Superintendent, I am committed to promoting equity and diversity within our district. I firmly believe that every student deserves equal opportunities and support to achieve their full potential, regardless of their background or circumstances. By embracing diversity, fostering inclusivity, and providing equitable resources, we will strive to create an environment where all students can thrive and succeed.

I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the Watertown City School District. With your support and active involvement, we will shape the future of our community by nurturing young minds, fostering innovation, and ensuring the success of every student. I am genuinely honored to serve as your Superintendent, and I look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders to build a brighter future for our students. Together, let us embark on this journey of educational excellence and make a lasting impact on the lives of the students we serve.

Thank you for your warm welcome, and please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or ideas. I am here to listen, support, and work alongside each of you in our shared commitment to providing the best education for our students.

Warm regards,

  
Dr. Larry C. Schmiegel  
Superintendent of Schools

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that fosters lifelong learners and responsible citizens.