

# Fairfield Local School District

## Welcome Back to School!

August 2024

Greetings Fairfield Local Community,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! As we gather together once again, I am filled with joy and enthusiasm for the incredible journey ahead. Our halls will soon echo with the laughter and energy of our students, and our classrooms will come alive with the spark of curiosity and learning. This year, we are thrilled to introduce and embrace our "Portrait of a Graduate." This initiative represents our collective vision for the future of our students and serves as our "North Star" in all that we do. It defines the key skills, competencies, and characteristics that we aim for every Fairfield graduate to possess. This comprehensive framework ensures that our students are not only prepared academically but are also equipped with essential life skills that will help them thrive in an ever-changing world.

Our "**Portrait of a Graduate**" focuses on five core areas:

1. **Communication:** Students will learn to articulate clear and concise purposes, understand their audience, and engage in respectful and honest communication.
2. **Growth Mindset:** They will develop resilience, take responsibility for their actions, and maintain an open mind towards new ideas.
3. **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** Our students will learn to define problems accurately, employ logical reasoning, and generate innovative solutions.
4. **Life Skills:** They will manage personal finances, understand household management, and prioritize their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
5. **Career Readiness:** Students will gain hands-on career experiences, understand various career options, and develop essential workplace skills.



Each of these areas is crucial in preparing our students for the challenges and opportunities of the future. Our dedicated teachers and staff are committed to integrating these principles into their daily teaching, ensuring that every student can benefit from this holistic approach to education. I encourage all members of our community—students, parents, teachers, community members, and staff—to actively participate in this journey. Let's work together to support our students as they strive to become well-rounded individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Fairfield community. Here's to a fantastic school year filled with growth, learning, and success!

**TOGETHER we will accomplish AMAZING things.**

**Go Lions!**

Kesia E. McCoy, Superintendent