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Dear Ionia Middle School Community,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! It is with great enthusiasm that we extend our warmest greetings to our returning families and extend a heartfelt welcome to all new members joining our Ionia Middle School family.

This year, we are particularly thrilled to welcome the incoming 6th graders, the class of 2031. We look forward to watching these young scholars blossom academically and socially over the next three years, guided by our dedicated teachers and staff and supported by our caring community.

As we embark on this new academic journey, we are filled with excitement for the opportunities and growth that lie ahead. Our commitment to continuous improvement in teaching and learning remains steadfast, ensuring that every student receives the best possible education.

At Ionia Middle School, we embrace a growth mindset, encouraging resilience and perseverance in our students and staff alike. We are committed to being pivotal figures in the lives of our students and families, and we strive to be more than educators; we aim to be mentors and role models who inspire and support each student's journey. Together, we will embody what it means to be a **HERO** – demonstrating how to be *Hardworking*, *Encouraging*, *Respectful*, and *Own it* in everything we do, every day.

Central to our mission is the unwavering pursuit of improved student literacy. We believe that literacy is the cornerstone of academic achievement across all disciplines and is essential for the holistic development of every student. By enhancing literacy skills, we are laying a solid foundation for our students' future achievements.

None of this would be possible without the collaboration and support of our dedicated families, teachers, staff, and community members. Your partnership is invaluable as we work together to create a positive and nurturing learning environment for all students.

As we commence this new school year, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to continuous improvement with a growth mindset. Together, we will strive for excellence in teaching and learning and in every aspect of our school community.

Here's to a successful and fulfilling school year ahead!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan D. Mitchell".

Ryan D. Mitchell
Principal, Ionia Middle School

Inspire



Persevere



Succeed