



NEWLOTHROP AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear New Lothrop Area Public Schools Community,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write to you as the new superintendent of New Lothrop Area Public Schools. I am honored to join a district with such a strong tradition of academic excellence, community pride, and a deep commitment to the success and well-being of every student.

Throughout my career in education, I have remained grounded in a simple but powerful belief: every student deserves access to high-quality learning opportunities. I am passionate about public education and the role it plays in shaping the future for students who are prepared not only for college or careers, but also for their roles as engaged and thoughtful citizens in their communities.



My educational journey began at Albion College, where I earned a degree in economics. I later pursued my teaching certification in social studies through Western Michigan University, which led to my first position in education as a middle school social studies teacher. Those early years in the classroom inspired my passion for educating students and laid the foundation for my path into school leadership. Along the way, I earned a graduate degree in Educational Leadership from Grand Canyon University, further strengthening my commitment to servant leadership and continuous improvement. I later served as a middle and high school assistant principal, athletic director, and high school principal. Most recently, I spent the last five years as the assistant superintendent of Mattawan Consolidated School.

On a personal note, I am also a proud father to three amazing boys: Elliott (right), Abram (left), and Miles (middle). They remind me daily of the importance of the work we do in schools and inspire my commitment to ensuring all students receive the care, opportunity, and education they deserve.



As I begin this new chapter in partnership with the New Lothrop community, I am eager to listen, learn, and work collaboratively with our talented staff, dedicated families, and committed Board of Education. Together, we will ensure that every student receives positive academic experiences and personal development opportunities that prepare them for success in school and life.



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Thank you for the warm welcome. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks and to working together in support of our students, our schools, and the bright future ahead.

With gratitude,

Jay Larner
Superintendent
New Lothrop Area Public Schools