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Dear Community Members,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Superintendent of the Watertown City School District. Since May 1, 2023, I have had the privilege of leading our district towards excellence in education and fostering a supportive learning environment for all students. With 26 years of experience as an educator spanning prekindergarten through twelfth grade, I bring a deep understanding of the transformative power of education.

My commitment to our district extends beyond my professional role - I am also a proud Watertown parent. My oldest son graduated from Watertown High School this past January, and my youngest son will be entering Case Middle School this fall. This personal investment reinforces my dedication to ensuring every student receives an exceptional education.

Since beginning this role, our team has accomplished several transformative initiatives that demonstrate our collective commitment to innovation and excellence. Together, we forged the groundbreaking Micron partnership, developed the successful Cyclone Academy (now expanding to Case Middle School), and created our comprehensive 5-Year Strategic Plan, "Pathway to Excellence: Nurturing our Children, Shaping our Future." We also implemented Superintendent Student and Staff Advisory groups to ensure all voices guide our decisions.

Perhaps most notably, our community overwhelmingly supported the largest capital project in the North Country - a $110 million investment that will transform our learning spaces for generations to come. These accomplishments, along with our increased graduation rates, reflect the positive momentum we've built as a unified district community.

I am committed to promoting equity and diversity while building strong partnerships with parents, students, teachers, staff, and community members. We believe in providing rigorous academics while understanding and supporting the needs of the whole child - recognizing that student wellness and social-emotional growth are just as important as academic achievement. Together, we will continue creating an environment where every student can thrive and succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas as we work together to provide the best education for our students.

Warm regards,

Dr. Larry C. Schmiegel, Superintendent of Schools



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