

Superintendent's Message
2025-2026 School Year
August 12, 2025

Welcome and welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year. We are unbelievably excited about the **2025-2026 learning opportunities** for all of our students at Blairwood (K-6) and the Jr./Sr. High School (7-12). We also welcome back the WestPark Academy II preschool who will be with us at Blairwood Elementary. If your children are in need of a life trajectory changing preschool experience, I will tell that you can shop around but, you will not find a better preschool than WestPark Academy II.

The **Ag Ed program at the Jr./Sr. High School** will be fully operational at the beginning of the school year. Students will continue to utilize construction and the greenhouse. This year they will be introduced to welding, small engine repair and small animal care. Did you know that Ag Ed career pathways include: animal caretaker, aquacultural manager, diesel/farm equipment mechanic, environmental engineer, farm/ranch manager, farmworker, floral designer, landscape designer, precision agriculture technician, veterinary technician, and veterinarian.

The **Jefferson – MVCTC Agricultural Education FFA chapter** will be building on their great start last school year. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

We also look forward to beginning a **4-H program at Blairwood**. 4-H is focused on positive youth development through hands-on learning experiences. It emphasizes the development of the “Head, Heart, Hands, and Health” of its members.

Please check out our **Student Code of Conduct**, under the Student Resources tab on the front page of the website, which is focused on the positive growth and development of all of our K-12 students. We want all of our students to grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

The JTLSD is an asset building, asset rich, and asset focused school district. We know that the more of the **42 Developmental Assets** our students have the more thriving indicators they will have: succeeds in school, helps others, values diversity, maintains good health, exhibits leadership, resists danger, delays gratification and overcomes adversity.

Our Visual Learning Tactics focus on a **Learner who can** – articulate what they are learning and why; talk about their learning tactics; articulate their next learning steps; self-quiz; and set mastery goals. And on a **Learner who** – asks questions; sees mistakes as opportunities; is comfortable saying they need help; knows what to do when they don't know what to do; and actively seeks feedback.

We are a data driven, process and results focused, continually improving, aligned, self-disciplined, brain-based learning school district moving **from good to GREATNESS**. We are committed to Leadership, Strategy, Learning, Continuous Improvement, Workforce and Culture and alignment of Finances, Forecast, Processes and Results. Learning is our Product. It is also our most important Process!

We are the Mighty, Mighty Broncos!