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2025 Superintendent Message

Dear North Fork Families,

It's hard to believe the start of the 2025–2026 school year is just around the corner! We are excited to welcome you back and invite you to partner with us in making this school year a successful and rewarding experience for all of our students.

The beginning of a new school year brings a mix of emotions—excitement, anticipation, and sometimes a few nerves—for students, families, teachers, and staff alike. It's a time for fresh starts, renewed goals, and reconnecting with friends and colleagues. From navigating new class schedules to meeting new teachers—or even starting at a new school—we know transitions can be challenging. Please know our staff is here to support you every step of the way.

We are entering this school year with great energy and focus. Among our top priorities is the development of a district-wide strategic plan—a framework that will guide continuous improvement and help align our efforts across all schools. We're also excited to deepen our work in the Science of Reading, moving toward a sustainable, evidence-based literacy model that will benefit all students. In addition, we are actively working on a capital improvement plan to ensure our facilities evolve alongside the changing needs of education.

Safety continues to be a top priority in every building. All visitors must use the designated main entrance to ensure a secure learning environment. Thank you for supporting this important measure.

Academically, we remain focused on strengthening instruction across all grade levels. English Language Arts and Math will continue as key areas of emphasis, and our elementary schools will once again benefit from the support of dedicated reading tutors. Our Positive Behavior Support (PBS) programs will continue in every building, fostering a school culture rooted in respect, responsibility, and inclusion.

At the heart of all we do is our shared vision: *to provide and inspire achievement and accountability that maximizes quality learning*. This vision shapes our decisions and keeps us focused on what matters most—student success.

With so many meaningful initiatives ahead, we are committed to creating an educational experience that prepares every student for lifelong learning and success.

It is an honor to serve the students and families of the North Fork Local School District. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's set ambitious goals, embrace new opportunities, and make the 2025–2026 school year one to remember.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer—and best wishes for a safe, positive, and productive school year!

Warm regards,
Scott Hartley, MA, Ed.
Superintendent