



North Fork Local School District Superintendent's Weekly Community Update October 2, 2026

Superintendent's Message

Good morning, North Fork Team,

As we approach the end of the first quarter, thank you for the dedication, hard work, and care you bring to our students every day. The positive start to the school year reflects your commitment to creating meaningful learning experiences and strong relationships with our students and families.

This quarter has also marked an important period of preparation as we continue our focus on student achievement and growth. As we review our most recent state report card results, we have much to be proud of and clear opportunities for improvement. Those results provide valuable insight into where we must continue to strengthen instruction, support student learning, and ensure every child reaches their full potential.

The work we do each day matters. Our state assessment results are not determined by a single test day, but by the consistent, high-quality teaching, intervention, and support our students receive throughout the year. As we move into the second quarter, I encourage all of us to remain focused on the goals we have established and the strategies that will help us improve student outcomes.

Thank you for your professionalism, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our students. Together, we will continue building on our successes and working toward even greater results for North Fork Local Schools.

Redskin Pride!

Scott Hartley
Superintendent

Reflection/Words to Live By

- “Teachers, you don’t teach a subject. You teach a child.” - *Deepa Bhushan*
- “Never stop believing in HOPE because miracles happen every day.” - *Author unknown.*



Keep everything in perspective.

District Highlights

Stay focused on **“What is Best for our Students.”**



Student Activities & Athletics

“Nothing will work unless you do.” — John Wooden

Staff Shout-Outs

- We want to give a huge shout-out to **Brian Radabaugh and Michael Sandman** for the wonderful job they are doing at **Utica Middle School!** They both have truly made a difference at Utica Middle School. We appreciate their presence in the hallways, the relationships they are building with our students, and the hard work they put in every day to help our students be successful. Thank you for being visible, supportive, and committed to making a positive impact on our school. **We are so grateful to have you both as part of the Utica Middle School family!**



REMINDER: If you have a shout-out, please send it to Mr. Hartley.

Important Information

Please review the following items carefully:

1. Staff – October is Anti-Bullying Month. Please add to your discussions how bullying affects students socially and emotionally.
 2. We have 10 school days before the end of the first grading period. Are your students reaching the standards for your subject?
 3. What are you doing differently to better your students' achievement on the state tests?
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 2	District-Wide Pep Rally		UHS
Friday, October 2	Board of Education Special Meeting	9:00 a.m.	UMS
Wednesday, October 7	Village of Utica Homecoming Parade	6:00 p.m.	
October 7 – October 10	Village of Utica Homecoming		Main Street
Thursday, October 15	End of First Grading Period		
Friday, October 16	No School – PD/Records Day		
Monday, October 19	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Utica Middle School

Strategic Plan Spotlight

This week's focus: Safety and Culture

Pillar: Goal 4

How this supports our work:

- This goal focuses on school safety and culture. Ensuring we have clear expectations for our students, not only building-wide, but in the classroom and on the buses.

Did You Know?

Little known facts about the district, statistics, achievement, or interesting information:

Did you know North Fork's name comes from the North Fork of the Licking River? Utica's location along the river inspired the district's name when multiple schools consolidated to form North Fork Local Schools.

Safety Minute

Reminders about school safety:

- The best school safety plans are built on prevention, communication, and a shared commitment to looking out for one another.

Closing Thought

Mind what we say because, regardless of reality, the perception is that it is true (good or bad).

No matter what the question, the answer is EDUCATION!!!

Thank you for everything you do to support our students, families, and each other. Your dedication continues to make a positive difference every day.

Have a wonderful week!