

Superintendent Newsletter

September 27, 2021

As the new Ladd C.C.S.D. 94 Interim Superintendent, I am honored to serve the students, families, staff, and Board of Education of our fine district! September 3rd was my official beginning as superintendent, and it has been a very busy and productive month. We wish Mrs. Zeko the very best in her retirement, and we appreciate her eighteen years of dedicated service to Ladd School! She is still volunteering time in the school library each week during these opening weeks of school.

Our educational team has been focused on the needs of all students, and we are very pleased to have our kids attending full school days this year. We express our deep gratitude for your cooperation as we try to meet all I.D.P.H. and State guidelines regarding the pandemic. While we know the mask mandate and social distancing requirements can be difficult, we continue to do everything possible to keep our students and staff safe. All of us look forward to better times ahead, and we truly appreciate your support and understanding.

Johannes Bus Service has been experiencing a bus driver shortage, and this has created problems for all of the school districts that they serve. Our transportation consortium has dealt with these issues as a team, and Johannes continues to work toward improving their service and fulfill their contractual responsibilities. They have provided a reduction in their billing, reflecting their inability to provide the service that was promised in the contract. I have emphasized that our students' health and safety will continue to be our primary concern. We appreciate your patience with this ongoing problem, and rest assured that we will work closely with Johannes to help resolve the issues.

I am very proud of our students and staff as we make the very best of each day, despite the challenges that arise. We have an outstanding educational team and fantastic students who are working to do their best. Ms. Dawson provides creative and focused leadership, and our entire staff will strive to meet the needs of every child in our district. If you have questions or suggestions, please feel welcome to share ideas with me. I look forward to a great school year as we witness the successes and growth of our students!

Yours in Educational Service,
Jay K. McCracken, Interim Superintendent
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