

**Superintendent Newsletter  
April 2022**

**As your Ladd C.C.S.D. 94 Interim Superintendent, I find it very difficult to believe that we are in the final months of our school year! The time has gone so quickly, and I continue to enjoy my interaction with our wonderful students and amazing staff at Ladd School. Ms. Carver (formerly Ms. Dawson) demonstrates her extraordinary leadership every day, while our Board of Education provides solid support and guidance for our district. The future of our school system looks bright because of our school's excellent team and tremendous community support!**

**Substantial progress is being made on our Hall of History project, as we have some talented and knowledgeable community committee members who are providing great resources for this endeavor. The purpose of the Hall of History is to provide an educational and informational display of the history of our school district and communities. When teaching local, state, and national history, teachers will have this resource to provide relevance and pride in our heritage. Visitors to our beautiful facility will have an opportunity to enjoy information about our local communities and our school. When the project has been completed, we plan to hold an open house to showcase this new display.**

**At the same time, we are working to create a "makerspace" in the previous computer lab at school. This newly designed room will have eight stations, each with a different hands on theme. Among the categories are 3-D printing, Robotics, LEGO Education, Media, Electronics/Circuitry, and STEM/STEAM activities. Teachers will have the opportunity to have their students work in groups on projects that will challenge and enhance their creative minds. We hope to have the makerspace on display during our upcoming open house, too. Funding for both of these projects will come from the ESSER 3 Grant, which is part of the federal dollars that resulted from the pandemic. While COVID caused much stress and illness, the additional funding will help our district afford these projects that will greatly increase learning opportunities for all students.**

**We look forward to the fine performance of our Ladd students in music, athletics, and academics in these final months of school. It has been so refreshing to see their faces and awesome smiles as we pass in the hallway. This recent time in history has underscored our need to be grateful for each new day....and to celebrate the many blessings we have taken for granted in the past. Thank you for continuing to support us, and let's make these final months the best ever!**

**Sincerely,  
Jay K. McCracken, Ladd C.C.S.D. 94 Interim Superintendent**