

Dear Caregivers & Parents,

The 2024-25 school year is on the verge of wrapping up, and as I draft this month's newsletter article, it's worth mentioning again that this year saw many positive things taking place at the School District of Wisconsin Dells. Most recently, the district held its annual graduation ceremony, where 137 students received their diplomas and officially ended their public-school journey with us. We wish all the graduates of the class of 2025 the very best in their future endeavors! Special thanks to class president Vesela, valedictorian Giovanni, and salutatorian Ryan for delivering great closing messages to their peers as well as the audience in attendance. The class of 2025 was a talented and tight-knit group that truly represented WDHS to the very best of their abilities. Congratulations to all!

I also extend my gratitude to all of our elementary professional staff members, along with our elementary principals, for the vast amount of time they have devoted to unpacking and implementing the ACT-20 reading instruction law passed last year. The district's goal remains the same: to see every student be able to read at grade level by the end of third grade. For some districts, this new legislation required districts to make significant changes to their literacy curriculums; however, for the SDWD, it is really more about making some day-to-day adjustments and getting a handle on carrying out the progress monitoring of students as well as putting an individual reading plan in place for a student who has not met the goal of reading at grade level. While there are additional phases of the legislation to unpack, the district is well-positioned to further implement changes with early literacy and, in turn, see better outcomes for the students the district serves.

### **SUMMER CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

Please take notice of a couple of changes taking place this summer. Due to a large amount of construction taking place at Spring Hill Elementary School, as of Monday, June 9, 2025, the public will have no access to the building. Anyone wishing to reach office staff at SHES can continue to call them at 253-1461, and our summer office staff will be glad to assist you with your needs, just with a different temporary work location. As a reminder, this summer's construction will result in much-needed safety upgrades that will separate bus rider, car rider, and pedestrian traffic in the morning and afternoons during peak drop-off and pick-up times. Additional updates will be provided as this project closes out later this summer.

Wisconsin Dells Middle School will also see some construction this summer. They will see the development of a secured entrance off Race Street and some front office remodeling. With this construction taking place, the WDMS library will serve as the workspace for Mr. Whitehurst and Mrs. Scott should anyone need to schedule time with them. Again, as work progresses, construction updates will be provided.

### **RECOGNITION OF SERVICE & MILESTONES**

Additionally, with the end of the school year and the release of students for the summer recess, it also means the district takes some time to recognize its employees for achieving various milestones as well as recognizing several employees who have elected to retire at the end of the school year or will do so later this summer before the next school year resumes. On behalf of

the district, we wish to recognize the following length of service milestones a number of them have reached.

**10 Years of Service:**

Brandon Anderson, Kathryn Anderson, Trisha Bries, Kerry Cook, Chenoa Franz, Kelli Jo Hoving, Jennifer Ivanoski, Michael Janke, Megan Rung, Sherry Moyer, Filiberto Sandoval

**20 Years of Service:**

Robert Buss, Kimberly Cummings, Jacqueline Mace, Bernadette Shirley

**25 Years of Service:**

Sara Bishop, Brian Grove, Thomas Klapoetke

**Recognition of Retirements:**

Mary Bebbler 32 years with the SDWD

Michelle Farrar 29 years with the SDWD

Patricia Hoel 43 years with the SDWD

Susan Strutz 7 years with the SDWD, 31 total years teaching

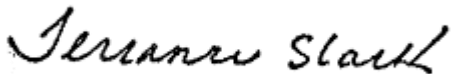
Congratulations to all those being recognized for reaching their various years of service. We thank you for your continued efforts with the youth of our community!

**LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR**

As we look ahead to the 2025-26 school year, please mark your calendar for all school registration scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2025. With a forthcoming change to our Student Information System (SIS) to Infinite Campus, the district will send additional communications via email to allow for a smooth transition to the new system, which will allow for the unpacking of greater features for your students and you as parents/caregivers. Additionally, take note that Tuesday, September 2, 2025, is the first scheduled day of classes, and as this date approaches, more details will be forthcoming.

In closing, the district and its students have had a great school year on many levels. Please allow me to close out this newsletter by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve the children of our community. They are our highest priority, and it is our privilege to do so!

Respectfully submitted,



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