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December 17, 2021

### **Greetings Spartan Family!**

Happy Holidays! As we race to the end of 2021, I wanted to send a note of gratitude and encouragement for everyone in our community who has worked so hard to serve our students and ensure they could get back to school this year. Thanks to everyone.

We have had a number of highlights this year which I think deserve acknowledging. First, our students have adjusted nicely to being back in school and are progressing towards their academic goals. We all know our students have missed a lot of face to face school the past two years, but as a testament to their abilities, motivation, and the willingness of our teachers to find creative ways to keep students engaged, they have been able to respond to school this year much more effectively than anyone could have predicted.

Activities and events have gone on generally as scheduled. While we have had to modify some events, we have hosted most traditional events including our Back to School nights, *I Love Lake Forest Day*, sports at the Middle and High Schools, and even the Homecoming activities like the parade and dance. Thanks to everyone who made these events a reality.

While we have been able to keep things going here in the school district, I do not have to tell most of you that the COVID 19 bug has not gone away and positive cases and hospitalizations are still very much a threat to school operations. I encourage everyone to continue to avoid situations where you can get exposed to the virus, stay home if you feel sick or have symptoms, and get vaccinated if you feel that this is the best decision for you and your families. The healthier we can stay, the more likely we can keep schools open and keep students in school where they belong.

As a short reminder, the last day for students before the Winter Break is Wednesday, December 22. Schools will be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>, but school administrators will be available by appointment. If you need to meet with someone at your school reach out to them before the break or contact the Central Business Office at 302-284-3020. The Central Business Office will be open over the break between 8 AM and 4 PM. Students and staff return from the break at regular school time on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I wish you joy and happiness over the next several weeks and beyond. I pray we all remain safe, healthy, and return to school refreshed, rested, and ready to learn. Have a great break and I look forward to seeing you on a Lake Forest Campus soon.

*Steven Lucas*

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