



The vision of the Lake Forest School District is to be the model of excellence in education.

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Greetings Spartan Staff!

Congratulations on another great year! Thank you so much for your work this past school year and your willingness to endure whatever hurdles were presented. Your commitment to Lake Forest's vision, mission, and belief statements is noteworthy!

I do not need to tell anyone how difficult the year was or review the many challenges we had. Being a teacher in a "normal" year is hard enough, but adding the COVID-19 complications made an already very difficult mission even more so. On top of that, many in our Spartan family suffered personal hardships and tragedies. I commend every one of you for coming to work every day with the right attitude and remaining steadfast in providing our students a world-class education.

So here we are again, reflecting on our success, packing up our things, saying farewell to our friends, and hopefully looking forward to doing it all again next year (I am sure many of you are missing your kids already- a little?).

As always, we have a list of to-dos for the summer to make next year the best ever in Lake Forest. Below are a few things we will be doing:

- 1) **Hiring.** We will again lean on CARES resources to bring in as many extra people as we can to supplement our staff and provide resources to support our students.
- 2) **Summer Learning.** In addition to another round of credit recovery at the High School, we will again be offering high dosage tutoring through *Back to Basics* for about 30 students per school. We will also be hosting ESY for the students who qualify and there will be summer remediation/enrichment programs at East and WT Chipman. Finally, there are over 500 students signed up for the Spartan Summer Success Academy.
- 3) **Facility Upgrades.** Roofs, ventilation, security upgrades, and improvements to the pool and fitness center are all on the schedule to be addressed this summer and thereafter.
- 4) **Technology Upgrades.** Kudos to Mr. Lovin and his team for the tremendous growth we have made in the area of technology the past two years, but we are not finished. The Tech Team will be cycling out some old units and bringing in a fresh new set of upgrades. They will be installing some Smart Boards at DECC and upgrading some internal servers.

Your administrative teams will be meeting this summer to discuss how we can better serve you next year. Please make your needs known so we can determine ways to address them. I have not worked with a more service oriented team of leaders so please let us know how we can help.

Finally, I want to thank you for your willingness to do whatever it takes to ensure every student in Lake Forest has the best possible chance to succeed in school and in life. I know it sounds cliché, but without

you, there are no doctors, lawyers, or engineers. There will be nobody to cure cancer, create renewable clean energy, or invent the next great consumer product. Every one of us can only do what we do because of teachers- and that will never change.

I wish you a great summer and well deserved break. Please be safe, enjoy time with your loved ones, and recharge your batteries. I already can't wait for next year!

Sincerely,

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