



# *South Central Local Schools*

*Home of the Trojans*  
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Dear South Central High School Family,

It is hard to believe summer break is coming to a close already. The halls will soon be buzzing with the sounds of another school year. I hope everyone enjoyed a safe, fun, and reenergizing summer. I am confident our students are ready to rise to the challenge and look forward to another great school year.

I would once again like to thank our parents, students, and faculty for a great 2017-18 school year. Our students and faculty worked very hard and their effort paid off with well-balanced success in academics, fine arts, athletics, and other club/organizational honors. The evidence of this was the numerous student athletes who were recognized with academic and athletic all conferences honors. Furthermore, we had student athletes who received these honors at the district and state level as well. The South Central fine arts programs represented our community in fine style through amazing events such as Oklahoma, The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Theater, National Anthem performance the Cavs/Indians game, Soup'd Up Jazz Fest, the Parade of Bands and much more. As usual our FFA continued to rack in the honors boasting multiple individual State FFA Degree recipients and FFA American Degree recipients. To top it all off our school also collected over 300 stuffed animals for use by first responders for children in times of crisis. These accomplishments are a testament to the passionate educators and student dedication coupled with strong community support. I am eager to see what is in store for 2018-19.

Moving forward, I believe continued success will come from teamwork at all levels. Students, teachers, and administration need to be a strong team; however, I believe working together with our community will be the key. This teamwork comes in the form of trust. I ask that our families trust each day in the decisions we make and the belief that these decisions are in the best interest of our students. I believe in establishing high expectations and working with students to feel the success of achieving those marks. I will work each day to inspire my educators to respect and value our students as they are capable of greatness.

I know many of our student athletes have already been hard at work preparing for the upcoming seasons. It is exciting to see their effort and I anticipate seeing good results this year. I am excited to welcome a new group of freshman. I would also like to congratulate our new group of seniors. Please remember seniors, it is up to you to set the right expectations for our school. The legacy of the Class of 2019 has already started. I hope you work hard to be strong leaders and set the right tone that will guide South Central High School to another successful year. Our school and community believe you can! I look forward to meeting many of you soon.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Thomas J. Hellickson  
South Central High School Principal

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