



# Nippersink SD 2

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Dr. Thomas Lind, Superintendent

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

It is an honor and a privilege to continue serving all the stakeholders in the villages of Richmond and Spring Grove. As Superintendent of Schools for both Richmond-Burton CHSD 157 and Nippersink SD 2, I want to share just a few of the wonderful things happening every day in our schools.

Since 2009, both districts have continued to look for ways to maintain efficiency, keep costs low, and still provide a world class education for all of our students. One way both districts' Boards have achieved this is through a shared services model that shares a superintendent and other key staff and administrative positions. Through this organizational model, both District 157 and District 2, are able to save significant money in personnel and other programming cost. In addition, our shared service model allows for better alignment of the k-12 curriculum, a common mission, and a significant cost savings to the taxpayers. Both Boards of education continue to examine this shared service model to ensure both districts continue to remain fiscally efficient while delivering an excellent education to our students.

In addition, both Nippersink SD 2 and Richmond-Burton CHSD 157 are currently involved in developing a long-term facility management plan in cooperation with an outside engineering firm. This long-term facility plan will allow us to examine the condition and infrastructure of our buildings, current and future student programming needs, and the development of a scheduled maintenance plan for our districts' schools over time. Another top priority in developing this plan is to ensure the highest safety and security of our schools. There is no greater issue in schools across America today than the safety and security of our students and this remains a daily priority for all of the administrators, teachers, and students in both of our districts.

Finally, Richmond-Burton Community High School was recognized by *US News and World Report* as a top high school in Illinois for 2019. In addition, the Nippersink Middle School, Richmond Grade School, and Richmond-Burton Community High School were also recognized by *Chicago Magazine's Best Public Schools Edition* in their September 2019 publication. Good things are happening every day in our schools! We look forward to continuing to work with our students, staff, families, and communities to inspire, challenge, and educate all our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Lind  
Superintendent of Schools  
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