

Hello Sheboygan Falls Families. My name is Zach Pethan, proud superintendent of the School District of Sheboygan Falls. What an amazing school year it has been. I am proud of all our students, teachers, staff, and community as we celebrate our milestones and accomplishments. Although this school year has come to a close, we are excited about all of the planning and preparation for the next school year.

This summer, all of our building leadership teams and administrators will begin diving into our end-of-the-year student academic, attendance, social-emotional, and behavioral data, as well as our family survey results and employee engagement survey results. The goal for this group is to analyze the results from the school year, review the effectiveness of strategies used during this school year, and develop goals with strategies for the coming school year.

In a preliminary review of the data collected this year, we can see our students are growing academically as a result of the systems to identify students in need of extra support, new curriculum, a teacher mentorship program, academic coaching, and clear expectations for our students. This is not just a celebration of the school district staff, but is also a celebration for our families and our community. School district staff know this cannot be done without the support from home. Thank you for going the extra mile for your children.

We also know we are not done growing and have areas where we need to improve. Based on the family survey results, we have identified opportunities to bring parents alongside the school district initiatives by providing resources to continue learning at home, extending our enrichment opportunities, and providing opportunities for our students to learn valuable life skills in the workplace, as well as earn credits for their next step in their education or career.

On top of the academic goals for the district, we know life skills are an important part of being a successful and active member of the community. We continue to focus on our mission statement, "to challenge and support students on their own learning paths within and beyond the classroom". Our students in the high school continue to grow our youth apprenticeship program, but also our middle school students recently participated in a community service day in the morning, and then in the afternoon, met with employers from our community to learn about career opportunities and what skills they need to be successful in those careers. Learning from the entire community is how we intend to prepare our students for their future.

The end of the year in Sheboygan Falls brings our many great traditions. The annual waving goodbye to the elementary students as they ride off in their school buses, walk home, or get a ride from a family member. The walk of graduates through the high school, middle school, and elementary school, 8th grade promotion ceremony, to name a few. All of our students are part of a great tradition of excellence, and we aim to continuously improve to meet that goal every year.

Congratulations to all of the students! Whether you are moving on to the next grade, the next school level, or graduating into the real world. We are all very proud of you and expect the exceptional from you. Enjoy the summer: be safe, have fun, relax, help at home, and maybe even read a book or two, maybe three.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school in September.