Hello Sheboygan Falls Family,

My name is Zach Pethan, and I'm proud to be the superintendent of the School District of Sheboygan Falls. I'd like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Whether you are returning to the district or you are new, I hope you all had a wonderful summer, full of rest, relaxation, and time with family and friends.

This time of year is all about getting back in routines and getting excited about all of the great opportunities for learning and personal growth the district has to offer. By working together, we can build the foundational skills our students will need to be successful in their future careers, in their communities, and in their families.

This summer, we welcomed back all of our returning teachers and staff, as well as welcomed some new teachers and staff across the district. We have so many wonderful educators, support staff, coaches, and administrators working in our school district to support your children. They are all aligned with the singular mission to challenge and support students within and beyond the classroom.

Having wrapped up our comprehensive in-service sessions, we have established robust supports and exciting new opportunities to help every student and educator be successful. We all believe that a quality educator can make an enormous difference in a young person's life, and I'm proud of the individuals who step up every day to do such an important and amazing job.

Some big news from the district.

After careful planning and reassessment, the Board of Education determined to move forward with a capital referendum to address critical needs at the elementary school and the high school. These updates address safety and accessibility, expand educational experiences, and address aging facility and infrastructure needs. The school board listened to the spring community survey and made some adjustments to lower the cost and reduce the debt-related mill rate impact while still addressing our critical needs. For more information, I encourage you to check out our website, read the newsletters being sent, take a look at our social media pages, ask questions, or attend an information night to learn more. We've been working hard to make sure everyone has the information they need to make an informed decision on November 3rd.

I always think of a new school year as time to make a fresh start. Please encourage your children to get involved in all our schools have to offer. Encourage them to try some new activities, try new classes, make friends with people you don't know, and most importantly, continue to strive for excellence in whatever they decide to do. Parents, I encourage you to get involved as well: volunteering to support the schools, helping out with homework at home, attending a game or a performance, or checking grades and assignments, just to name a few. If you'd like to learn more about how you can help, please contact your child's teacher or the school's office to learn more.

With summer in the rearview mirror, let's all join together to make this the best school year yet.

Every day is a great day to be a Falcon!