Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools!

As we prepare for another school year, I continue to feel incredibly grateful to be part of the Ovid-Elsie community. After my first year as superintendent, I have an even greater appreciation for our students, dedicated staff, supportive families, and the pride that makes our district so special. I truly believe we have an outstanding school community, and I am excited about the year ahead.

Our staff will return on Thursday, August 13, to prepare classrooms, collaborate with one another, and continue creating safe, welcoming, and engaging learning environments for every student. I am thankful for the passion and care they bring to Ovid-Elsie each day.

That same evening, we invite all families to attend our Back-to-School Open Houses. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers, reconnect with friends, tour classrooms, and get ready for a great year.

Open House Schedule

- E.E. Knight Elementary: 5:30–7:00 PM
- Leonard Elementary: 5:00–6:30 PM
- Ovid-Elsie Middle School: 6:00–7:30 PM
- Ovid-Elsie High School: 7:00–8:00 PM
  Freshman/New Student Orientation: 6:30–7:00 PM

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, August 18, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back. Whether it's a child's first day of kindergarten or the beginning of senior year, every student is at the heart of our mission to provide opportunities, support, and encouragement to help them succeed.

As superintendent, I remain committed to listening, communicating openly, and working alongside our staff, families, Board of Education, and community. Thank you for your continued trust and support of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Open Houses and throughout another great year.

Go Marauders!

Sincerely,

Mark Horak
Superintendent
Ovid-Elsie Area Schools