

Letter from the Superintendent

We are proud to serve the community of Linton and Greene County by educating children and youth to the standards of excellence which will empower them to become the best versions of themselves. We are committed to ensuring all students *Experience Tradition and Embrace Opportunity*.

It is with intentional effort that we continue to improve in all areas of service. As our students return to school to begin the 2019-2020 academic year, they will recognize LSSC is moving forward. From the enhancements to our beautiful campus to the K-12 Graduate Profile, our focus has been on creating a safe learning environment where all students will grow.

Last spring, we embarked on a journey to develop the LSSC Graduate Profile; the knowledge, skills and dispositions our students need to be self-sufficient adults. We reached out to the community to share the competencies they felt were most important and we received responses from over 800 individuals. A team of business owners, parents, community members and school staff reviewed the responses and very strategically chose six competencies which now encompass our profile. Written in 'I am' statements, the profile includes:

- I am CONFIDENT
- I am an EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR
- I am COLLABORATIVE
- I am RESPONSIBLE
- I am ADAPTABLE
- I am a CREATIVE THINKER

In the course of every child's K-12 education at LSSC they will be given the opportunity to become proficient in each of these competencies. Throughout this next year, we will be developing grade level exemplars for each competency. We will then establish a reporting system so the students and parents know when the students reach the developmentally appropriate level of proficiency for each 'I am' statement.

At LSSC we have a growth mind-set and, to that end, believe in the importance of staff development. This summer, through a Professional Development Grant, we had the opportunity to send fourteen staff members to the Model Schools Conference in Washington DC. They enjoyed the experience of networking with the over 5,000 educators from across the world who shared their commitment to the education profession. The premise of the conference was the Rigor, Relevance and Relationship Framework which has become our K-12 instructional focus. The framework is designed so that all three of these elements are integrated and when one is missing we are not fully preparing our students for success. Throughout this school year our staff will be trained on developing authentic relationships, creating lessons relevant and engaging to 21st Century students, and providing rigorous instruction.

We take pride in our campus and are continually making facility improvements. A drive through our campus or a walk through our buildings will give you a glimpse of what we have accomplished this summer. The most prominent change is the addition of pole banners surrounding our campus. These banners reflect the pride we have for Linton-Stockton Schools and for being located in the center of this great community. Noticeable to our middle school students will be their updated learning environment. Every classroom has been freshly painted with all new furniture which will promote collaborative learning. The addition of a Clever Touch digital whiteboard in each middle school classroom will enhance the integration of technology. In the elementary we updated the main office and created a much needed conference room. In the high school, our boys and girls locker rooms have been renovated. In addition to the new Sports building dedicated this spring, a new sound system on the football field and renovated restrooms under the press box will increase our Miner fan's experience. School safety is of paramount importance to us. This summer we reconfigured the front entrance to the high school. Visitors will now need to be buzzed in and then will be greeted by a receptionist who will safely get them to their destination. Our student parking has been made safer with the addition of assigned numbered spaces.

Having a strong and reciprocal relationships with our community is our goal. As is being transparent. To accomplish these goals, we will have opportunities for our community to interact and learn more about our schools. Once each quarter we will be hosting school tours where guests will go on a guided tour of each building's learning environment while school is in session. If you haven't been in a classroom lately, you will be amazed! I will be conducting a series of open meetings on School Finance 101. These meetings will be an opportunity for you to learn about revenue, expenditures, grants, state tuition support, and much more. In October we will be hosting K-12 student-led parent conferences. This will be an opportunity for parents,

students, and teachers to interact about learning. Keep an eye out for the dates of each of these events through our Facebook page and on our website at www.lssc.k12.in.us.

In the era of parent choice, we thank you for choosing Linton Stockton Schools and entrusting your children to our care. On behalf of the LSSC school family, I welcome you to our new school year.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Kathy Goad