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Dear Cass School District 63 Families,

I wanted to take this opportunity before the school year ends, to express my great appreciation for your tremendous support of Cass School District 63. It is been a true honor and an extreme pleasure to serve as the Cass School District 63 Superintendent of Schools. As my tenure concludes at the end of this June, I want to share that I believe there is no better place to work than in a school district that has tremendous support from its school community.

I have been touched by the swell of visits, calls, emails, cards, notes and multiple forms of recognitions from members of our school community and others that have moved on from Cass School District 63 years ago. I have been so touched that it is somewhat embarrassing. I was never someone who desired to be in any type of spotlight.

I now realize that many of these sincere expressions are compliments to Cass School District 63. I know our district is not perfect; no school district is perfect. We make mistakes and we continually learn from those mistakes. As a result, Cass School District 63 is a successful, high-performing, quality district that effectively meets the needs of our school community. Our district has considerably grown year after year and the reason for that is because of the keen collaboration, tremendous support and significant efforts of the numerous facets that comprise Cass School District 63.

First, the community at large has generously funded the majority of our costs and defined what is expected from its school district by consistently electing outstanding volunteer Board of Education Members, who have been ideal fiscal stewards and extremely successful at developing appropriate policies, high achieving goals and great expectations.

Secondly, the Administration, Faculty and Staff are some of the best, utmost child-centered professionals you can find, who have been unconditionally dedicated to providing the best educational environment for the children of the community. Thirdly, our parent organization, CARE, as well as the previous versions of our parent organizations. CARE's completely selfless membership is bursting at the seams as they perennially enhance the educational experience for all students.

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Mrs. Christine Marcinkewicz School Principal & District Director of Technology <u>CMarcinkewicz@CassD63.org</u> Finally, our students who are beyond wonderful, day in and day out. They bring a positive attitude that is shaped, nurtured and modeled by their parents and guardians that is one of respectfulness, supportiveness and ideally conducive for eagerness to learn.

This is a best-selling textbook recipe for a successful, high-performing, quality school district. Unfortunately, not all school districts can say this about themselves. I am humbled, proud and feel very fortunate to have been one small ingredient in this "Blue Ribbon" recipe.

I hope you are proud of your family actions, as well as your school community's fine efforts and contributions to the many successes of Cass School District 63; "Where the Focus is on the Child!"

I do have mixed emotions retiring when there are so many challenges due to the pandemic and how it is and will affect schooling. However, I have great peace of mind knowing that as of July 1, Cass School District 63's new Superintendent, Mark Cross is more than capable of addressing any and all District challenges. I have had the opportunity to work closely with him these past six-months in transition and he is one very impressive administrator. Superintendent Cross is an experienced, respected, tested and extremely successful superintendent. I am more than confident that he will not only be successful, but that he will lead Cass School District 63 in its continual growth of being the best school district it can be for the children of the school community.

Again, thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as Cass School District 63' Superintendent of Schools. I wish you, your family and the entire Cass School District 63 the best always.

Take very good care,

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