Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to sincerely express our gratitude to you for your ongoing support of our schools and school district. Over the next several weeks we will continually take advantage of opportunities to celebrate and recognize student accomplishments. Please join us in recognizing and celebrating the many successes your child(ren) has/have achieved this school year individually. Based on our educational experience, we firmly believe that everyone needs to be recognized and appreciated for his or her efforts and successes. Children, even though it is not always readily apparent, do genuinely care that their parents or guardians are interested in, as well as proud of, their academic efforts.

We will be especially proud to recognize our Class of 2019 at graduation on Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cass Junior High School Gymnasium. This class, like previous graduating classes, excelled in the classroom, in the areas of Fine Arts, athletic arena and within our school community at large. The Board of Education, the Administration and Staff are all especially pleased with their individual and collective efforts and achievements. In addition to our graduating students, we also have some families that are graduating from Cass School District 63 at the end of this year. If you are one of these families whose last child is finishing up in Cass School District 63, please know that you will be dearly missed and we will always be indebted to you and your family for your many years of support in making our Cass Family very special. Thank you.

We strongly encourage graduating students and families to support and get actively involved in your new high school, just as you have been in Cass School District 63. We also encourage your family to stay connected to us in any and every way possible. The easiest way to stay connected is to continue to support and attend our parent organization activities and functions. Many former Cass School District 63 families, staff and alumni have supported these activities. Please strongly consider continuing to support the District to benefit future students and helping Cass School District 63 continue to be a special place for the children of our school community.

In regards to our parent organization, a special thank you to the Mrs. Cathy White, President, and her team with CARE (Cass Resources for Enrichment). CARE is currently the largest parent
organization we have had in years. Their service and leadership, along with the support provided by school families, past school families, staff and friends, have provided significant enrichment for our students this year.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Cass School District 63 Board of Education; President Mrs. Shelly Camden, Vice President Mr. Kent Absalonsen, Secretary Mrs. Alice Esposito, Mr. Brad Carrino, Mrs. Lana Johnson, Mr. Jeff McCollian and Mr. Michael Ockrim. These seven volunteer elected officials, just as the past members of the Board of Education, continue to provide excellent leadership with loyal dedication and unwavering integrity through setting goals, policies and directions for Cass School District 63, where the focus is truly on the child, while also being responsible fiscal stewards.

Finally, as your family makes plans to enjoy the upcoming summer, please remember to take time to continually expose your child(ren) to the many wonderful resources we have in the Chicagoland area, as well as, take the time for reading, writing and problem solving this summer. Learning is a year-round lifetime activity.

We wish you and your family a very enjoyable and safe summer.

Sincerely,

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