Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

There are many critical ingredients to a successful school and/or school district. One vital ingredient is volunteers. Concord Elementary School, Cass Junior High School and Cass School District 63 have been extremely fortunate to have had countless, unselfish child-centered volunteers that have given their precious time, talents, skills and genuine care in a variety of areas in our schools and district.

Over the years, our world has changed in so many ways in regards to safety and security in schools and we have had to put many additional structures and procedures in place in our district. As a result, it is not as easy to volunteer as it was in the past, but please do not let it hinder you, as there is still a need and plenty of opportunity.

Past and current volunteers consist of parents and guardians, former parents, former students, community members, seniors, former staff members and even parents and relatives of school families and staff members. Some started this year and others have been volunteering in the District for over 20 years. Some of our volunteers have worked and retired from the District after 20, 30 or more years of service and now have been volunteering for many more years. Some volunteers even give additional time by volunteering for other organizations in or near our community or also volunteer in other school districts. If you have time and energy to give, no matter how much, we are pretty confident that we can find a place for you.

Volunteering for Cass School District 63 can mean working one-on-one with a student who needs extra help, supporting a classroom or another learning environment, helping an extracurricular team or group, assisting with supervision on field trips, being a member of our invaluable parent group, CARE, being a member of one of the Board of Education committees or an elected member of the Board of Education.

I am forever grateful and fully recognize the significant impact volunteers have had and continue to have in the quality of our schools and district. Cass School District 63 is a much better place for the children of this community because of the efforts and dedication of our many volunteers. We cannot thank our volunteers enough for their service.
If you have an interest in volunteering in our district in any capacity, please contact Gayle Wilson (GWilson@CassD63.org) at the District Office and let her know of your interest.

I fully and completely understand that everyone might not have the flexibility to volunteer. If this is your situation, please still help us by thanking those volunteers when you see them helping in our schools or district and support their initiatives, such as the many different parent group activities sponsored by CARE.

Thank you for your ongoing support and entrusting us with the opportunity to provide educational services to your family.

Sincerely,

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