Dear Friends,

Is the concept of family important to you? How? Do you think about it, or is it just a given? I always felt that this concept was important to our students, but I was never sure as to the level of that importance. Our students come to school, work hard, participate in many things outside the classroom, and, based on this, develop relationships and friendships. However, how important are those things to our students? Do they really make a difference in their education, or are they separate from that education?

Each year, I make sure to get into buildings and have conversations with students. I like to know their experiences in our schools: what is important to them, and what they think could be improved. This year, my discussions with students led me to realize the importance that family plays in the quality of their education.

At one point during the year, I had a conversation with a small group of students that had experienced a traditional education in that they mostly attended our schools for the entirety of their K-12 experience. This allowed them to establish friendships at an early age and sustain them throughout their time in Chippewa Valley. They had success in school. They were in a specialized program to meet their needs. They were all considering their college options for the upcoming year. We talked for quite some time about their teachers, their coursework, and their future. Near the end of the conversation, I asked them what made their experience special. Each student, without hesitation, offered that their school had been “like a family to them.”

In contrast to this, later in the year, I met with a group of students whose educational experience had not been so seamless. They most likely had changed schools quite often and experienced some difficulty achieving success. Although their path to graduation had not been as direct, and, just like a Michigan road, they navigated some pretty big potholes, they were going to make it and were very proud of their accomplishments. I asked them to reflect on the one major factor that contributed to their success and each student said their school had been “like a family to them.”

I think about these students and wonder what their education would have been like had the context in which it occurred been different. Can students experience success without feeling supported? Can students experience success if not surrounded by others who create a safe space? A space in which they can feel comfortable truly being his or herself: not afraid to take risks and make mistakes.

The mission statement of our district is Inspiring and empowering learners for a lifetime of success. For us to be successful and achieve our mission we must be “like a family to them.” I would argue, as an educator, this is the most important thing we do for our students. It is through this that we build resiliency in our students. This is how we help them tap their inner strengths when things don’t go as planned. This is how we prepare them for a lifetime of success.

I look forward to the 2019-2020 school year. A year in which we work together to provide an educational experience for our students which is second to none. One in which our students feel safe and empowered to become the people they wish to be. We will do this together. This is what makes me immensely proud to be the Superintendent of the Chippewa Valley family.

Sincerely,

Ron Roberts,
Superintendent

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Chippewa Valley High School Grads

Dakota High School Grads
We salute the top students from Chippewa Valley High School, Dakota High School, and International Academy of Macomb Class of 2019. These students received the highest honor of Summa Cum Laude.

**JEREMY ABAPO**  
**SCHOOL:** IAM  
**CAREER PLANS:** Cyber Security  
**COLLEGE:** University of Michigan  
**PARENTS:** Eden and Priseval Abapo  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Iroquois Middle School

**ALINA BALOU**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Emergency Room Doctor  
**COLLEGE:** Oakland University  
**PARENTS:** Ossie and Marie Balou  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Iroquois Middle School

**ALEX BARCZAK**  
**SCHOOL:** Chippewa Valley High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Physical Therapy  
**COLLEGE:** Oakland University  
**PARENT:** Barb Barczak  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Algonquin Middle School

**CLAIRE BARRY**  
**SCHOOL:** Chippewa Valley High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Physician Assistant  
**COLLEGE:** University of Detroit Mercy  
(Direct Admit PA Program)  
**PARENTS:** Mark and Michelle Manders  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Algonquin Middle School

**GIAN BATAYOLA**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Computer Engineering  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University  
**PARENTS:** Ian and Gina Batayola  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Iroquois Middle School

**RACHEL BAUR**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Pediatrician  
**COLLEGE:** Oakland University  
**PARENTS:** Greg and Renee Baur  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Iroquois Middle School

**JOSEPH BEDNAR**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Actuary  
**COLLEGE:** University of Michigan  
**PARENTS:** Michael and Lisa Bednar  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Seneca Middle School

**ZACHARY BEITELSHEES**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Business Owner  
**COLLEGE:** Grand Valley State University  
**PARENTS:** Kevin and Michele Beitelshees  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Iroquois Middle School

**ALYSSA BELLINI**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Environmental Lawyer  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University  
**PARENTS:** Ann Mahaffy-Bickley and Marvin Bickley  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Iroquois Middle School

**VICTORIA BICKLEY**  
**SCHOOL:** IAM  
**CAREER PLANS:** Zoology  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Seneca Middle School

**AIDAN BINFORD**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Music/Computer Science  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University  
**PARENTS:** Scott and Marcy Binford  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Iroquois Middle School

**LAUREN BOBOWSKI**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Pediatric Neurologist  
**COLLEGE:** Harvard University  
**PARENTS:** Paul and Jennifer Bobowski  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Seneca Middle School

**MARKO BOGOJEVSKI**  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Politics and Government  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University  
**PARENTS:** Zarko and Gordana Bogojevski  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Seneca Middle School

**ABIGAIL BOJANOWSKI**  
**SCHOOL:** IAM  
**CAREER PLANS:** Physician  
**COLLEGE:** University of Michigan  
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CAREER PLANS: Neurologist
COLLEGE: University of Michigan
PARENTS: Peter and Jane Costa
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Seneca Middle School

KATHERINE COURNEYA
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Mechanical Engineer
COLLEGE: Lawrence Technological University
PARENTS: Ronald and Melissa Courneya
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Iroquois Middle School

EVAN DECOOK
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Mechanical Engineering
COLLEGE: Oakland University
PARENTS: Thomas and Suzanne DeCook
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Iroquois Middle School

THOMAS DEGROVE
SCHOOL: IAM
CAREER PLANS: Michigan State University
PARENTS: Lauri and Michael DeGrove
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Iroquois Middle School

MARC DELACRUZ
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Neurologist/Doctor
COLLEGE: University of Michigan
PARENTS: Edwin and Anale Delacruz
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Seneca Middle School

GREY DEMSKY
SCHOOL: IAM
CAREER PLANS: Kettering University
PARENTS: Mary Ann Miller and Jeff Demsky
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Wyandot Middle School

JOELY DUNCAN
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Physical Therapy or Biomedical Engineering
COLLEGE: Grand Valley State University
PARENTS: Kirk and Jennifer Duncan
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Seneca Middle School

KAYLEE DZIURA
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Engineering
COLLEGE: Central Michigan University
PARENTS: Jerry Dziura and Katie Brandt
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Iroquois Middle School

MIKAYLA ERNAT
SCHOOL: Chippewa Valley High School
CAREER PLANS: Elementary Teacher
COLLEGE: Grand Valley State University
PARENTS: Jeff and Shannon Ernat
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Iroquois Middle School

MADISON FAIRMAN
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Acting
COLLEGE: New York University
PARENT: Jesse Fairman
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Iroquois Middle School

HANNAH FAUSTYN
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Biomedical Engineering
COLLEGE: University of Michigan
PARENTS: Don and Fran Faustyn
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Seneca Middle School

CHLOE GRZECH
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Doctor
COLLEGE: Michigan State University
PARENTS: Craig and Michele Grzech
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Seneca Middle School

SAMUEL LEE HANNAH IV
SCHOOL: Chippewa Valley High School
CAREER PLANS: Electrical Engineering
COLLEGE: Macomb Community College
PARENTS: Melanie and Samuel Hannah III
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Algonquin Middle School

KENDALL HARGREAVES
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Nurse Anesthetist
COLLEGE: Oakland University
PARENT: Tammy Patterson
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Seneca Middle School

YASMEEN HASSAN
SCHOOL: Chippewa Valley High School
CAREER PLANS: Health Sciences
COLLEGE: Oakland University
PARENTS: Hosam and Doaa Hassan
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Wyandot Middle School

ANDREA HONTUCAN
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Nursing
COLLEGE: Wayne State University
PARENTS: Harold and Rowena Hontucan
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Seneca Middle School

BRENDEN HORNING
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Sports Management
COLLEGE: Rochester College
PARENTS: Ryan and Sheri Horning
MIDDLE SCHOOL: Seneca Middle School

NOLAN HURRELL
SCHOOL: Dakota High School
CAREER PLANS: Medical Field
COLLEGE: Western Michigan University
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**CAREER PLANS:** Chemical Engineering  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University  
**PARENTS:** Jeffrey and Stephanie Laubach  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Iroquois Middle School

ELIZABETH LEE  
**SCHOOL:** Chippewa Valley High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Biomedical Engineering  
**COLLEGE:** Lawrence Technological University  
**PARENTS:** Begin Lee and May Kue  
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HANNAH LERNER  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Physician Assistant  
**COLLEGE:** University of Detroit Mercy  
**PARENTS:** James and Stephanie Lerner  
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JACOB LIPSKI  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Film Making/Theatre  
**COLLEGE:** Wayne State University  
**PARENTS:** John and Christina Lipski  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Seneca Middle School

KATELYNN LODGE  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Major in Mathematics  
**COLLEGE:** University of Alabama  
**PARENTS:** Jay and Kim Lodge

JOHN (Jack) LYONS  
**SCHOOL:** Dakota High School  
**CAREER PLANS:** Forensic Scientist  
**COLLEGE:** Western Michigan University  
**PARENTS:** John and Sian Lyons  
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DANA MACCALLUM MHOR  
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**CAREER PLANS:** Environmental Science Field  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University  
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ALIZAYE MANIGO  
**SCHOOL:** IAM  
**COLLEGE:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
**PARENTS:** Cathleen and Royce Platt  
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LIS MARTINEZ-BERNAL  
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**CAREER PLANS:** Neurosurgeon  
**COLLEGE:** University of Michigan  
**PARENTS:** Elizabeth Bernal and Saul Martinez  
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DEVIN MASIAK  
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**BE AWARE 5K**

walk / run for youth suicide awareness & prevention

Saturday, October 12th, 2019

Check-In starts at 9am • Run / Walk begins promptly at 10am

$25 registration fee (includes t-shirt, timed by Hanson’s)

Dakota High School (ninth grade center) • 21055 21 Mile Road • Macomb

An event that unites the community in preventing youth suicide and spreads the message that there is help and hope!

Suicide is currently the 2nd leading cause of death for youth ages 10 to 24. Please join us on this 5k walk / run (or 1 mile walk) to help raise funds and awareness for youth suicide prevention. Proceeds raised through this event support awareness and prevention programs offered locally through KnowResolve and the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families.

Visit www.BeAware5k.com for more info and registration
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