



Stephenson Area Public Schools
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Dear SAPS Family,

I am excited to share the progress and achievements of Stephenson Area Public Schools over the past four years. Together, we have made significant strides in enhancing our educational environment and opportunities for all students.

Academic and Extracurricular Successes

We have expanded our academic offerings by introducing new Early Middle College and Career and Technical Education (CTE) partnerships with NWTC and Bay College. Our commitment to vital educational programs is also evident through the implementation of the new K-5 Math, ELA, Social Studies, and Science curriculum, as well as the addition of full-time art and music programs.

Technology and Facility Upgrades

To support interactive learning, every classroom now features a 75" Smart Panel. We've achieved a 1:1 Chromebook ratio for all K-12 students, and our new district-wide communication tool, Parent Square, has enhanced communication with parents. Security has also been a top priority, with the installation of new security cameras and security film on lower-level windows.

Facility Improvements

Our schools have seen substantial facility upgrades, including a new roof, a new playground for PK-5th grade, a remodeled library into a learning center, and a renovated school office. Additionally, we've installed wall heaters in the commons and locker rooms, upgraded emergency hallway lighting, and remodeled our big gym along with installing new football and main gym scoreboards. We are also thrilled that we have received \$400,000 from the State of Michigan to replace our track, further enhancing our athletic facilities for students and community use.

Community and Mental Health Initiatives

We are proud of our community-oriented programs, including the Heart and Sole Running Club and the Hydroponics Lettuce Grant. Mental health remains a critical focus, with services like Mental Health First Aid and a full-time clinical social worker available to our students. We've utilized various grants to support mental health, learning loss, and at-risk programs, ensuring our students receive comprehensive support.

Future Endeavors

Looking ahead, we are excited about continuing improvements, including renovating the front school entrance for enhanced security and updating the bathrooms in the Main Gym Wing. With the recent passing of the Sinking Fund Millage, we are well-positioned to continue these critical improvements.

Stephenson Area Public Schools is committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and innovative environment where our students can thrive. We are grateful for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you for being an integral part of our success,

Susanne Carpenter, Stephenson Area Public Schools Superintendent