

# Superintendent's Report

August 17, 2017, Board Meeting

Staff who are..

**Positive \* Professional \* Passionate**

Focused on ...

**Relationships \* Morale \* Improvement of Instruction**



Dear Board Members, Staff Members, Students, Families, and Community Members,

It is another great day to be a Cornjerker! Our staff has worked tirelessly to prepare our district to greet our students and families into a fantastic new school year! Thank you! As we gathered today for our first day of institute, we started the year by reminding ourselves of the great effects we have on our students and their futures. Our goal is for our impact to be felt today and for a lifetime. Every person working in every capacity in our district stepped forward at some point and asked to be selected as an individual who is responsible for developing the hearts and minds of our future through our children. Therefore, each of us has dedicated ourselves as a pillar of this community, a person to look up to in regards to character and professionalism. A person with a positive mind, believing the best, and a passion for never giving up. Today, I asked our entire staff to take up this great cause together, and to recognize their individual and collective commitment to providing every single student in our care the opportunity to achieve his or her dreams.

Someone did this for each of us! Think about the defining moments in your education. Is there a person who comes to mind who helped you, who encouraged you, who changed your life? Maybe you didn't realize this impact until later in your life... Our challenge is to create defining moments this year that will live on with our students. Moments that will change the entire trajectory of our students' lives. Moments that will cause them to look back and say, "I am so thankful that THAT person was in my life!" We all have had unforgettable, legendary educators in our lives, and we aspire to be that same type of person for the students in our care. The resolution of our school board this evening is intended to encourage community members to take time on September 21, 2017, to contact a Legendary Educator and express gratitude for the difference that person made in his or her life. It also reminds us as individuals dedicated to Hoopeston Area, that we are the legends of tomorrow.

Thank you, Hoopeston Area, for being positive, professional, and passionate. A positive mind anticipates happiness, joy, and a successful outcome of every situation and action. Whatever the mind expects, it finds. Thank you for being professional. Professionalism is the pride we have for the Hoopeston Area School District demonstrated through our words, our deeds, and our appearance. And, thank you for your passion! We are never wavering, never losing faith, and continually trying new approaches until the miracle of learning happens! These words exemplify the high bar of excellence we hold for one another.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this great district! Please do not hesitate to contact me through email, phone, or meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzette Hesser".

Suzette Hesser

Superintendent, Hoopeston Area School District