

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Kirksville R-III School District.

On behalf of the nearly 400 staff members of the district we welcome all new families and students to the Kirksville community. We are here to inspire the pursuit of excellence and empower your children for success.

For more than eighteen months students and staff together have battled the temptation to let the COVID pandemic be an excuse for taking an easy path. As superintendent I am grateful for the superhero efforts of **all** our staff as we continue to manage our way through the virus. Most parents understand the district's efforts to provide a safe, in-person learning experience for our students and that remains our first goal.

As this year unfolds we also want to return our attention to school improvement planning and action steps that were disrupted by the pandemic. In the spring the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) announced a new approach to school improvement under what is called MSIP-6. I am grateful to one of approximately 30 superintendents serving on the MSIP Advisory Committee which is responsible for helping DESE design the implementation plans for this continuous improvement process.

I mention MSIP-6 because a major focus of all KVR-III schools this year is on our school climate and culture, which is one of the major elements the MSIP process will include a new school rating system. All of our schools will be implementing a program called Capturing Kids' Hearts. This program provides consistent language and classroom actions that have proven to strengthen positive student-to-student, student-to-staff, and staff-to-staff relationships. These of course form the foundation of a strong, collaborative, and trusting school climate. You will no doubt hear much more about this over the coming two years.



Our desire to return to “normal” school operations will be only as fast as the coronavirus recedes, but we will strive to offer all of our normal school activities, concerts, field-trips, sports, etc., as we have become known for. These extra activities, paired with the outstanding instructional skills of our staff are what make Kirksville R-III School District THE place to educate children in northeast Missouri!

I hope you will join me in celebrating what is most important in life—the growth and success of our children!

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