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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parent(s), Guardians(s), and Friends:

On Behalf of the Canton Union School District learning family, I would like to welcome all families to the 2018-19 school year.

This summer has been a very busy summer for our school district. For example, the district completed the following:

- 1.3 million dollar roofing project
- Replaced 320 windows at Canton High School
- Replaced half of the floor tile in Lincoln school.
- Remodeled a CHS science lab
- Replace Asbestos Ceiling tile at IMS.

From a curricular standpoint, the district created the following:

- A STEM Computer Science course at CHS.
- A new Biomedical Human Body Systems class at CHS.
- A new Culinary Arts Program at CHS.

- An Early College Program at CHS.
- An Accelerated Math, ELA, and Science program at IMS.
- New STEM Curriculum at all elementary schools.
- Implemented additional Dual Credit Courses at CHS.
- Provided a safer environment for staff & students by providing armed intruder training for all instructional staff.

Finally, this year will be a year of opportunity for all staff and students. For example, the district will train all staff and students in continuous improvement and quality education techniques. It is our goal to improve instruction within classrooms and empower teachers to make curricular decisions to improve education for all students.

Rolf Sivertsen

Superintendent

Canton Union School District #66

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New Windows at CHS

Canton School District has replaced 320 windows over the past 4 months. This has been a huge endeavor that is nearly complete. The windows also included new stone panels imported from the United Kingdom. The project is nearly complete and looks outstanding. The new windows will increase energy savings. Please stop by for a look!



LOOK WHO IS RETIRING!

After a 31 year career that has spanned the entire district long time and beloved employee Vicki Grzanich is retiring. Vicki has worked in virtually every building. During her career she has touched many children. Good luck Vicki!



Every Student Succeeds Act

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015, and represents good news for our nation's schools. This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students.

The new law builds on key areas of progress in recent years, made possible by the efforts of educators, communities, parents, and students across the country.

For example, today, high school graduation rates are at all-time highs. Dropout rates are at historic lows. And more students are going to college than ever before. These achievements provide a firm foundation for further work to expand educational opportunity and improve student outcomes under ESSA.

The previous version of the law, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, was enacted in 2002. NCLB represented a significant step forward for our nation's children in many respects, particularly as it shined a light on where students were making progress and where they needed additional support, regardless of race, income, zip code, disability, home language, or background. The law was scheduled for revision in 2007, and, over time, NCLB's prescriptive requirements became increasingly unworkable for schools and educators. Recognizing this fact, in 2010, the Obama administration joined a call from educators and families to create a better law that focused on the clear goal of fully preparing all students for success in college and careers.

Congress has now responded to that call.

The Every Student Succeeds Act reflects many of the priorities of this administration.

ESSA Highlights

President Obama signs the Every Student Succeeds Act into law on December 10, 2015.

ESSA includes provisions that will help to ensure success for students and schools. Below are just a few. The law:

- Advances equity by upholding critical protections for America's disadvantaged and high-need students.
- Requires—for the first time—that all students in America be taught to high academic standards that will prepare them to succeed in college and careers.
- Ensures that vital information is provided to educators, families, students, and communities through annual statewide assessments that measure students' progress toward those high standards.

- Helps to support and grow local innovations—

including evidence-based and place-based interventions developed by local leaders and educators—consistent with our [Investing in Innovation](#) and [Promise Neighborhoods](#)

Sustains and expands this administration's historic investments in increasing access to high-quality [preschool](#).

Maintains an expectation that there will be accountability and action to effect positive change in our lowest-performing schools, where groups of students are not making progress, and where graduation rates are low over extended periods of time.

History of ESEA

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Baines Johnson, who believed that "full educational opportunity" should be "our first national goal." From its inception, ESEA was a civil rights law.

ESEA offered new grants to districts serving low-income students, federal grants for textbooks and library books, funding for special education centers, and scholarships for low-income college students. Additionally, the law provided federal grants to state educational agencies to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education.

NCLB and Accountability

NCLB put in place measures that exposed achievement gaps among traditionally underserved students and their peers and spurred an important national dialogue on education improvement. This focus on accountability has been critical in ensuring a quality education for all children, yet also revealed challenges in the effective implementation of this goal.

Parents, educators, and elected officials across the country recognized that a strong, updated law was necessary to expand opportunity to all students; support schools, teachers, and principals; and to strengthen our education system and economy.

In 2012, the Obama administration began granting flexibility to states regarding specific requirements of NCLB in exchange for rigorous and comprehensive state-developed plans designed to close achievement gaps, increase equity, improve the quality of instruction, and increase outcomes for all students.

What's Next?

Over the next few weeks, the U.S. Department of Education will work with states and districts to begin implementing the new law.

Spotlight 66

Every month we will spotlight our staff and students. This is the first in a series of Spotlights.



Westview Teacher: Sherry Hardy

1. What three traits define you? Caring, Hard working, busy/disorganized
2. What is the greatest challenge you have had to overcome in your life thus far? Loss of my dad
3. Where is your favorite place to be? Home
4. Where is the best place you've traveled to and why? Cabo San Lucas, MX...honeymoon there was perfect. We swore we'd go back every 5 years. It's been 18 years since we got married...and since we've been there. ☐
5. What does true leadership mean to you? Really listening when people speak to you and acknowledging others' points of view, supporting staff without falter, being consistent, following through, and being approachable.
6. What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this? Married to a rich old guy and living on a yacht! Seriously, I can't imagine doing anything else.
7. How do you define success? Happiness (for myself, my family, and my students)
8. Tell us something that might surprise us about you. I was a total brat in high school...and got into lots of trouble. Graduated in December of my senior year because I missed too much school the first semester of senior year hanging with a long haired bad boy (and then married him).

Staff Bio:

I was born in Ocean Side Ca in 1977. My dad served in the Navy, so I've

Sherry Hardy

Teacher

Westview Elementary School

3rd Grade



lived all over including California, Chicago, New Orleans, and Hawaii. I attended Farmington High School and WIU. Married Chris in 2000 (so he'd never forget how many years we've been married). We have 3 kids: Blaine (who is 24, just got married over the summer, and serving in the Navy as an Aviation mechanic close to where I was born and on the same ship my grandpa did the same job on). Isabelle is 13 and Mia is 11. They are both their father's problem at IMS now. I started teaching in 2000 and got my master's and reading Specialist certification from St Ambrose. I get teased about saying how much I LOVE my students every year, but it's true....especially this year. :) I pride myself mostly on my relationship with my students and my personal relationships as well. I've never felt at home at work more than I do at Westview, and of all the places I've lived...I've never been more at home than in Canton.



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Cassidy Locke

Senior

Canton High School



Cassidy Locke

1.) What three traits define you?

Leader, Outgoing, Confident

2.) What is the greatest challenge you have had to overcome in your life thus far? Accepting that I'm not going to be the best at everything that I do.

3.) Where is your favorite place to be?

At home with family and friends.

4.) Where is the best place you've traveled to and why?

Pignon, Haiti. I got to help people in need and experience the day to day life in a 3rd world country.

5.) What does true leadership mean to you?

"True Leadership lies in guiding others to success. In ensuring that everyone is performing their best, doing the work they are pledged to do and doing it well."

Bill Owens

6.) What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?

A Life Flight Nurse

7.) How do you define success?

Positive actions combined with positive thoughts. Along with pursuing excellence.

8.) Tell us something that might surprise us about you.

Most people think I'm a true tomboy however I did try JFL Cheerleading and Encore dance for a year when I was 10.

Bio:

I've been a resident in Canton my whole life and am a Senior at Canton High School. Along with my parents, Ryan and Michelle Locke, my family is rounded out with the addition of a 14 year old sister named Shaylynn. Along with the four of us, my parents have two dogs and my sister and I each have our own energetic Labrador son. Our family is very close and we enjoy hunting together, swimming in our lake, training our dogs, attending Evangelical Free Church and relaxing by the campfire while making s'mores on cool nights.

Outside of my time at home and church, I am an avid volleyball player and have found a love for coaching young girls at the YMCA through the Sharks volleyball program, almost (ok, maybe not) as much as I love to play myself. My sights for the future include attending college to become a life flight nurse and furthering efforts to raise money through the Serving for Haiti volleyball tournament. All money raised by this one day tournament is used for projects at an orphanage/school/camp I have had the privilege of visiting in Pignon, Haiti.





Other Notes.....

BUILDING TRADES



Thanks to Mr. Kemper's building trades class, Eastview has some great wood lettering for their lab!



**Incubator class working together to build the most sound structure!
Collaboration & creation!**



FRIENDSHIP



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Don't forget immunizations are due by October 13th. Students who fail to provide proof of immunizations and a physical will be excluded from school as mandated by state law.

For specific requirements visit Illinois Department of Public Health at <http://idph.prod.acquia-sites.com/topics-services/prevention-wellness/immunization> or [click here](#)

PERFORMING ARTS



Upcoming Events

- September 20 Science Adventure Day Lincoln & Westview
- September 21 Science Adventure Day Eastview & Westview
- September 27 Homecoming Bonfire 8 p.m.
- September 28 Homecoming parade 3:30 p.m.
- September 28 P&O Chilli Supper 4-7 p.m.

