



Parsons District Schools VSD 503

WELCOME TO THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR!

After four years of retirement, it is my pleasure to return as the Superintendent of Parsons Schools for the 2017-18 school year. This year, our district, as well as all the other districts in Kansas, will start a new accreditation cycle. Instead of focusing merely on state assessment results as has been in the past, districts will be charged with ensuring each graduate is "successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation." A successful Kansas high school graduate has **academic** preparation, **cognitive** preparation, **technical** skills, **employability** skills and **civic** engagement. This is a lofty goal but one that our faculty and staff accepts. We hope all parents and students will continue to work with the district as we ensure this state goal.

At USD 503, we are committed to seeing our students do well in the classroom and beyond. I am excited about the unlimited potential that the upcoming school year holds. How we approach the beginning of the new year will set the course for our successes in 2017-18. I encourage each of you to think about the opportunities that lie in front of us. Think about the possibilities; think about the potential impact we can have.

As we support our students in the classroom, it is equally important to support them in their extra-curricular activities. Make a commitment to attend athletic events, fine arts programs, and other school sponsored activities. Join the elementary parent/teacher organization, a middle school committee, or a high school booster club. Be involved!

My vision for the Parsons District Schools rests on a mindset of continuous improvement. My hope is that our teachers, administrators and support staff take pride in the successes they are having each and every day, regardless of their magnitude. I look forward to being a partner with you this school year. If you have questions at any time, please contact our office. We truly want to help all students succeed.

Respectfully,

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