



# Dear Key Communicator:

There are so many exciting things happening in the Waterford School District. Here is a brief overview of what is in store for 2020.

## Strategic Plan

Over the next few months, we will be working to shape the future of our district through a new strategic plan. The process will set priorities, focus energy and resources, ensure that all stakeholders are working toward common goals, and assess the district's direction in response to an ever-changing environment. As the driving force for our district, it is paramount that we have participation from students, staff members, parents, and community members. Please take the time to share with us what you believe are our strengths, where we can improve, what challenges we face, and your vision for the district. There are two community forums that you can attend, or you can take a few minutes to complete a five-question anonymous survey. Forums are at Waterford Kettering in the LGI room on February 25 at 6:00 pm and March 24 at 5:00 pm. The link to the online survey can found on our website or at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Waterford2020SP>.

## Bond – May 2020

The Waterford School District announced earlier this month that we would be asking our community to vote on a \$150 million bond on May 5, 2020. The bond would be a **ZERO tax rate increase** for taxpayers and calls for: expanding student safety and school security measures; upgrades to classrooms, heating and cooling systems, fire alarm systems, music equipment, and athletic facilities; technology and technology infrastructure updates; replacement of items that have reached the end of their life expectancy, like roofs, lighting, flooring, furniture, and school buses; the construction of a new early childhood center; and classroom and media center renovations that provide active learning spaces. Please be sure to share this information with your neighbors, colleagues, constituents, family, and friends. As a key communicator in our district, I will be reaching out to you regularly with more detailed information. You can also visit our website for further information at [www.wsdmi.org](http://www.wsdmi.org).

## Elementary Math Pilots

Student achievement is paramount in Waterford School District. We have seen student growth over the past several years, and want to continue to build on that momentum. Our Curriculum Department works tirelessly to ensure our students are receiving the best education through the training of staff and reviewing materials. This semester, several of our elementary teachers have volunteered to participate in two separate math pilots selected by our teachers. The pilots are running simultaneously to determine which format and materials are best suited for our students and staff district-wide.

As you can see, we are off to a great start this year, and we could not do it without your support. If you have any questions about the strategic planning process, the bond, or the math pilots, please do not hesitate to reach out. I can't say enough how happy I am to be a part of a district that is nurtured by a strong, supportive community.

**Scott Lindberg, Superintendent**

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