



MASON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

2400 MASON EAGLES DR., ERIE, MI 48133

Dear Eagle Nation,

Over the last five years, Mason Consolidated Schools has worked to create an environment where all students can be successful. Where all students can succeed. Where all students feel at home. This work did not happen magically or overnight. It took a group of amazing people to channel their energy for one purpose: student success. We created an environment where student's well-being and their social/emotional health had to become our top priority. We did this by placing a Social Worker in our elementary and high school and a Restorative Justice Coordinator in our middle school. At the high school we not only focused on student's social/emotional needs, we created a virtual academy and brought direct college onto our campus. We empowered people to take risks, to trust in the person next to them and to trust in the collective group.

I share all of this with you because MDE publicly released the legislatively required school letter-grade report card yesterday. Our Elementary School received an A, the Middle School received an A, and the High School Received a B. This is just remarkable! I am so proud of each and every one of our staff members. This is a collective team effort. The more amazing news is that both our Elementary and Middle School were named Reward Schools. Central Elementary is a Reward School for having an **A** in Proficiency and an **A** in Performance Among Peers. The Middle School is a Reward School for having an **A** in Proficiency, **A** in Growth and an **A** in Performance Among Peers. You only had to have an **A** in one area to be considered a Reward School and our two schools had it in two out of the three areas and three out of three respectively.

I also share these wonderful accomplishments because as your Superintendent, I have taken great pride in watching our students and staff beat the odds every year. I have been granted a wonderful life in the world of education. It is with this tremendous gratefulness – and a fair amount of excitement - that I announce my retirement, effective June 30, 2020. Wanting Mason Consolidated Schools to have a smooth transition with the next Superintendent, I have offered a one-year transition period where I will be available to work in a part time role as the mentor to the Superintendent along with a continuing role in transportation and facilities.

We have accomplished much and as educators will always strive to achieve more. It has been my joy and pleasure to be your Superintendent. Many great memories have been made. All that I ask is that you embrace the next Superintendent with the same love and care that Mason has shown to me.

Andrew Shaw
Superintendent
Mason Consolidated Schools