Dear Fannett-Metal Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dr. Tara Will and I am honored to have been selected as the new superintendent of Fannett-Metal School District. I am thrilled to be working with everyone during the upcoming school year. The last few years have created many challenges for education as we balanced the safety of our students and staff while providing an in-person learning experience. I am hopeful that this school year will allow us to return to a sense of normalcy for our students, staff and community. The return to school brings a few things that you should be aware of.

1. We are pleased to inform you that Fannett-Metal School District will be implementing a new provision known as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in the 2022-2023 school year. This program is available to schools and districts that are participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. All enrolled students of Fannett-Metal School District are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at **no charge** to your household.
2. The Health and Safety Plan has been updated to reflect the new CDC guidelines. Many restrictions have been lifted as we transition back to a sense of normalcy. As always we encourage you to keep your child home if they are experiencing any signs of illness and contact our school nurse if you have specific questions.
3. The HVAC project at the High School is nearly complete. This project was funded through our ESSER grant and will create an energy efficient environment for our students and staff while maintaining proper ventilation through the building.
4. We would like to welcome several new staff to our district.

* Amy Ridler- 5th grade teacher
* TBD 4th grade teacher
* Meagan Mellott Special Education Aide at the Elementary School
* Lana Jones Cafeteria Worker at the Elementary School

1. Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Tuesday, August 23 at 5:00 at the Fannett-Metal Elementary School.
2. Orientation for grades 1-5 will take place following Kindergarten Orientation on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30.
3. 6th grade and new student orientation will be held from 6:00-6:30 on Tuesday, August 23. We encourage all of our families to attend these events.

In the short time I have been in the district, I noticed the high level of pride and a focus on students first. I have met with the administrative team to create goals that are in line with the recently approved comprehensive plan. This information has been shared with the board and subsequently the teaching staff during the recent In-Service days. A copy of our 2022-2025 comprehensive plan can be found on our district website.

This is such an exciting time for everyone in the Fannett-Metal School District and I look forward to the future years to come as we do GRRREAT things with our students!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tara Will

Superintendent