

## **Report of the Superintendent**

I am very pleased to report that the Fremont School District maintains a steady enrollment with 410 students at Ellis School and another 213 students attending Sanborn Regional High School.

For the 2018-19 school year, we were pleased to provide additional support for our learners by reallocating resources and adding a part-time reading specialist and a full-time math specialist/coach. We welcomed a new principal, Sharon DeVincent, to Ellis School as well as a new Special Services Coordinator, Lena Vitagliano. Both of these individuals bring a wealth of experience and new perspectives to our work at Ellis School.

Last spring, we applied for and received two state grants which assisted with moving forward many important projects needed at Ellis School. One grant provided \$70,000 for professional learning for staff. As a result of this funding, we were able to provide a four-day training program in Responsive Classroom practices to establish and enforce consistent behavioral expectations at Ellis School. Also, funds were used to support our ongoing work with Personalized Learning which included training of our Ellis coaches to support teachers with this work.

The second grant awarded us \$252,000 to complete a number of security projects at Ellis School, including a new, more secure entryway for the school entrance, an updated phone and intercom system, and a security camera/swipe card access system for the entire building. All of these projects will be completed by the Spring of 2019 and will greatly enhance the safety and security of the Ellis staff and student body.

Under the direction of a new Facilities Director, Paul Normandin, we have made great improvements in the building. Last summer the crew did a complete deep clean of the building and they are working hard to maintain a high level of cleanliness at all times. We have identified several important facility projects that need immediate attention, including sprinkler head replacements and a re-coating of one section of the roof. Whenever possible, we are re-allocating money to address these needs, but may need to secure other funding in the near future.

I sincerely thank the Fremont citizens, the Fremont School Board the Ellis staff and the students of Ellis and Sanborn for all of their hard work over the past year. I am very proud to serve as the Superintendent and look forward to working collaboratively with the School Board, Ellis staff and the Fremont community as we look ahead and plan together for the future of our learners.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools