## Welcome Back to School!

It is my pleasure to welcome you all back to another exciting and promising school year! I hope this message finds you and your families well-rested, rejuvenated, and ready to start the new school year.

We believe that a warm and safe learning environment is essential for student success. Our schools are dedicated to fostering a welcoming atmosphere where every student feels valued, respected, and secure. We will continue to offer extensive support services to ensure the well-being of our students. Through positive relationships, inclusive practices, and a strong sense of community, we strive to create a nurturing space where all students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working tirelessly over the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. We are excited to announce the launch of our new Science of Reading initiative. This evidence-based approach focuses on how children learn to read and emphasizes phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. By integrating the latest research and proven instructional strategies, we aim to provide our students with a strong foundation in reading skills that will support their academic success across all subjects. This initiative underscores our commitment to academic excellence and our dedication to fostering a love of reading in every student.

## **Welcome New Members**

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members, students, and families who have joined our district. We are excited to have you as part of our community and look forward to your contributions to our collective success.

## **Thank You**

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our community members. Your involvement and commitment to our schools are what make West Branch CSD a special place to learn and grow. Thank you for your continued support.

As we begin this new school year, I encourage you to stay engaged, ask questions, and be involved in your child's education. Together, we can create an enriching and supportive environment where every student can thrive.

We are excited to see everyone at Back to School night on August 21st to help us kick off the 2024-2025 school year!

Sincerely,

Marty Jimmerson Superintendent West Branch CSD