



FRIDAY FAMILY MESSAGE

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Family Communication

November 11, 2022

Hello Families,

I want to update you regarding the allegations from November 4th during the Stanwood-Lakes football game.

First and foremost, I, as Superintendent, stand firm in my conviction that any act of hate or hate speech has no place in our district or community. Respectful and equitable treatment toward others is paramount in our work with students and staff and is foundational to our promise and potential as a school district.

Here is an update regarding where we are today:

- We have begun a formal investigation of the allegations from November 4th
- We have retained an outside investigator who will conduct the investigation, including the findings, which can take up to 3 weeks
- We will update our community as we are able

Lastly, I would ask that we allow the investigatory process to take place and reserve judgment until the outcomes of that process. Once the outcomes of the investigation are known and made public, we will work collaboratively and transparently with our schools and community to take all necessary next steps to fulfill our responsibility to defeat hate, racism and ignorance.

Happy Veterans Day

This time last year, I shared a bit about my grandfather, Lee F. Cobble. I'd like to share this message with you again, including my grandmother. Like many of their time, my grandparents married very young. They were proud, hardworking young

people that wanted to serve their country, raise a family and be good citizens. In my opinion, they excelled at all of these.

My grandfather, Lee Cobble, served as an Army Ranger in WWII and the Korean War. He was a POW in both. I imagine the stress my grandmother experienced while raising two young sons must have been tremendous. It must have been a joyous reunion when I recall my grandfather as a strong and humble man, dedicated to his family and fiercely dedicated to his country.

He exemplified what it means to serve your country, love your family, and care for others, despite personal circumstances and adversity. I want to extend a "thank you" to those that have served and are serving in the Armed Forces.

Play at SHS: Arsenic and Old Lace Opens Tonight!

Stanwood High School presents "Arsenic and Old Lace," a classic comedy written by Joseph Kesselring. The fall play starts at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, 12, 18 & 19 at the new Stanwood High Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the door: \$10 for adults and \$8 for students.

Inclement Weather

As the weather forecasts indicate, we may see cold weather this winter. I wanted to share with you how we make the determination to delay or close schools due to ice, snow, flooding, etc.

- Safety first! We consider the safety of our children on buses, our student drivers, families driving and walking to school, and the safety of our staff, especially our bus drivers.
- We monitor weather patterns using multiple methods 24/7. In particular, we use a tool called Accuweather, specifically designed to support school districts in looking ahead at weather patterns.
- When there is a concern about school starting on time, our staff begins driving the roads throughout the district as early as 2 a.m. We take photos, check road conditions, monitor traffic, look for hazards, etc. We typically drive the roads multiple times in the early morning to determine if conditions are improving, worsening, or staying the same.
- We strive to decide about the school day by 5 a.m. Once the decision is made, we begin communicating with families and staff. We communicate through:
 - Autodialer (via School Messenger)

- Email (via School Messenger)
- Website
- Flash Alert

Predicting the weather is a challenge, and our primary goal is to ensure that the roads are safe, our campuses are easy to navigate, and the weather does not impede a safe school day.

Get social with us!

Please remember to follow the SCSD on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#), and follow my tweets [@rumbaughstpt](#).

**Respectfully,
Deborah Rumbaugh, Ed.D.
Superintendent**