



# FRIDAY FAMILY MESSAGE

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## Family Communication

October 21, 2022

### Hello Families,

By this point in the year, our students and staff have established routines and habits around learning and navigating the school environment. As we move through October, we will be setting time aside to focus on the social and



emotional aspects of learning. Social-emotional learning (SEL) will be part of our districtwide staff work on October 21. The emotions and feelings that our students experience and bring to their learning experiences matters to us! As educators, we believe our role is to impact all students' academic and emotional learning positively.

Whether a student is happy, sad, glad, or confused, we want to consider that as we provide high-quality instruction.

We know that emotions are linked to and impact the brain's ability to engage in skills such as attention, memory, executive function, decision-making, critical thinking, problem-solving, and regulation. All of the aforementioned skills are necessary components of learning. Our [District Strategic Plan](#) is committed to "every student demonstrating continuous growth toward meeting academic, social-emotional, and behavioral goals at a pace that eliminates opportunity and achievement gaps."

### Discussions on School Boundaries

A community group has been formed to help advise the district and school board on how we use, maintain, and develop our facilities. This year, the group (Capital Facilities Advisory Committee/CFAC) will advise on addressing overcrowding at several elementary schools.



In partnership with CFAC, we may be adjusting our school boundaries to accommodate for growth at the elementary level. No changes will take place in the current school year. CFAC is in the early stages of making recommendations to address this issue. We need your perspective! If you would like to join CFAC, please email [ROvenell@stanwood.wednet.edu](mailto:ROvenell@stanwood.wednet.edu) or simply reply to this email indicating your interest in joining the team.

### **Free or Reduced Lunch? Apply Now!**

We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to submit a Meal Application. Completing a meal application takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one application per household. You may access a paper copy of the 2022-2023 Free or Reduced Lunch Application [HERE](#). Instructions for completing an online application through Skyward Family Access can be found [HERE](#).

### **Chat with a School Board Member**

The School board wants to hear from you! The Board of Directors sets various dates, times, and locations to meet with constituents throughout the school year. Board members look forward to listening and learning about the community's opinions, suggestions, and concerns. There is no agenda for these events; they are informal, and anyone can attend.

Listed below are upcoming dates - additional dates will be set later in the school year. All events start at 6 p.m. in the school library.

**October 25, Director Natalie Hagglund at Twin City Elementary\***

**October 27, Director Ken Christoferson at Cedarhome Elementary\***

**November 1, Director Charlotte Murry at Elger Bay Elementary**

**November 3, Director Al Schreiber at Stanwood Elementary**

**November 8, Director Miranda Evans at Utsalady Elementary**

\*A Spanish translator will be available at the Twin City and Cedarhome Elementary events.

### **We Want You to Get Our Calls!**

It may be fall, but we want to be sure you receive our calls about important school information, including when **inclement weather** impacts school. Please help us by keeping your emergency contact information current in [Skyward Family Access](#).

[Skyward Family Access Login Instructions - English](#)

[Skyward Family Access Login Instructions - Spanish](#)

Your contact information, including your phone numbers and email addresses, are synched with the School Messenger notification system we use to send out emails and phone calls in emergency situations.

Another great way to receive notifications is to sign up for FlashAlert. This is the system that the media uses to create the “crawl” on TV stations for regional school districts. The FlashAlert app is available free for iPhone or Android mobile devices. Visit <https://www.flashalert.net/id/StanwoodSD> to receive notifications of closures or late starts.

**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**