



## Tomah Area School District

*If You Believe, You Will Achieve*

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Good afternoon, everyone! My first few weeks of service with the Tomah Area School District have been exciting, and I want to thank you for making my family feel right at home! Although present conditions limit opportunities to meet one another in person; I'm eager to take this educational journey with everyone and look forward to getting to know you as we open the new school year!

Our 2020-2021 academic year began July 15th with the opening of Lemonweir Elementary School. I had the pleasure of being in attendance the first day of school and visited this past week. I was so happy to make new friends with students, parents and guardians, and faculty! My sincere gratitude to the incredible Lemonweir faculty, support staff, and administration for their gifts and talents taking our district along its first steps in a challenging environment. Thank you all!

The beginning of school is an exciting time for students, parents and guardians. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has also generated serious concerns about students' health and safety this year, and an equally serious interest in being kept informed about any COVID-19 issues that may arise in our schools. The confidence and trust of our parents and guardians is extremely important to our District as we move forward in this unprecedented school year. We feel that it is important for us to earn that trust every day by being as transparent and as communicative as possible.

Our plan moving forward is to provide a weekly update on the status of each building. The purpose of this information is to keep parents up to date on the general status of COVID-19 at your child's school. The school district will notify parents as needed when issues arise in your child's classroom to reasons related to COVID 19. No identifiable information related to a student's health condition will be released for any reason. The Monroe County Health Department will be contacting parents if there is a need related to COVID-19 or any other health related issue. Parents should not expect a follow up as to the status of any student for health related issues. We are committed to the privacy rights of our students and families.

We hope that this weekly update will make our communications valuable to parents and guardians keeping your informed as we navigate through the challenges of our current environment. Challenges present opportunities for continuous improvement. The exemplary team of professionals with the Tomah Area School District are dedicated each and every day to your child's safety, well-being, and academic achievement. I'm honored to be part of a team focused on our mission of "High Quality Learning, Every Child, Every Day!"

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments. Thank you for making our district a great place to learn and grow!

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