



Dear Lakota Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Since my first official day on the job, June 15<sup>th</sup>, I've been counting down the days to students' first day back. I can already tell this is a very special place and I am truly honored to serve as your new superintendent.

The planning for this year by our teachers, staff and administration has been at least a year in the making and let me just tell you – I like what I see.

From an expanded Career Readiness Academy providing an alternative high school experience, to model classrooms we're using as a springboard for more creative and flexible learning environments in every type of classroom, there are some exciting and innovative things happening all around Lakota.

Through these things and more, it's become evident that I share this community's commitment to providing every single student an excellent educational experience, based on high academic achievement, exploration and opportunity. We will strive every day to give your child the individualized attention and exceptional instruction they deserve.

A large part of our success is thanks to your participation as parents and guardians. Our schools are stronger and your child is encouraged to learn more when you are involved. From ensuring homework is completed to celebrating your child's successes to taking advantage of the many opportunities to be part of your school community, your active role is vital to your child's academic growth.

As superintendent, being involved is my most important responsibility, too. As I get to know the ins and outs of this community, my first year will be filled with learning and listening. You'll quickly learn that no place is off limits to me – classroom visits, staff meetings, athletics events, after-school activities, community events and more. I believe that a big part of leading Lakota to new heights is getting to know the people, programs and points of pride that make this community what it is today.

You can follow my daily activity on Facebook or Twitter (both @LakotaSuper). I also encourage you to visit Lakota's website at [lakotaonline.com](http://lakotaonline.com) for timely information and school and district news. Our district Facebook page (@LakotaSchools) and new Twitter account (@LakotaDistrict) are great resources, too. We'll even be launching a new and improved mobile app early this year.

Thank you, in advance, for your support this year. I look forward to seeing you around our schools and serving our families in the best way possible. We are Lakota!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew J. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Matt Miller  
Superintendent