



Seminole Independent School District

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Seminole Community Members,

We are excited to be in Seminole; working alongside our dedicated Board of Trustees, administration, staff, and community. It is an honor to work in a school district where there is such a rich tradition of excellence. Seminole's successful past can be attributed to the support and encouragement of the community, as well as the solid foundation of integrity, determination, and grit. We will aspire to continue to build on the already great things happening within the school district. The manner in which the diversity of all our students, coming together to become **One Tribe**, is inspiring. It is vital, as a united team, we continue to foster the importance of what **TRIBE** truly means.

New Year / New Chapter

As the new school year is underway and students and staff alike are settling in to their school routine, I have been thoroughly impressed with the Leadership Team assembled here at SISD. It is humbling to have the great responsibility of developing our students to be the leaders of tomorrow. We believe the relentless pursuit of excellence gives great hope for the future.

One of our most important charges as educators is to assist our students in achieving their highest academic potential. Our diverse and multi-talented students come to us with an array of talents and ability levels, and we want to help them be successful. We challenge all of our staff members to empower students for educational excellence. The teacher remains the most important factor in determining classroom success. Additionally, we want to utilize technology to adapt to the ever changing needs of our students. We want to prepare our students for the jobs of tomorrow and give them the skills to be competitive in a highly technical society. The citizens of Seminole have invested in our students by providing facilities that meet the needs of staff and students while operating efficiently with taxpayer entrusted dollars. Mr. Lashaway and our Board of Trustees have diligently applied surplus bond funds to principal and saved some \$28 million in interest and cut the payoff term significantly. Furthermore, we are confident we are going to be able to provide our taxpayers some relief by reducing the overall tax rate for the coming year. We want to continue to work with the citizens, parents, business owners, faculty and students to identify the values of this community and deliver those skills to our students.

Stay Connected

Research confirms over and over again that parent involvement is a huge driver of student success. We want to encourage parents to take an active part in the education of their children. It is important to allow your children to share their schoolwork and what they are learning. We hope you feel welcome in our schools and connected with your students' academics. You can expect a great deal of information to be available on our website, www.seminoleisd.net. In addition, please download the ParentSquare App to

receive up-to-date messaging from your child's teacher, administration, and/or student organizations. We invite you to contact your child's campus directly if you are unsure how to connect. You will also find information on any one of our social media accounts; Twitter @SeminoleISD, Facebook at Seminole I.S.D., or @Seminole_ISD on Instagram. Please remember that you can track your students' academic progress through the parent portal of Power School.

School Safety

One of the most important responsibilities of a school is to provide a safe atmosphere for students to learn. We will remain committed to that charge. With proactive thinking, our District has instituted many measures with safety as the goal. We appreciate the way the community has supported measures to keep our children safe. Safety is not always convenient. We will continue with controlled access to our buildings. We'll have restrictions on parking, pick-up and drop-off. We'll ensure that our armed defenders receive multiple trainings. We'll work to develop relationships with all students to know the stresses in their lives. We'll count on parents to contact us directly with safety concerns. We'll listen and take threats seriously. We'll work closely with local law enforcement. We'll continue to look for safety protocols. Safety is a real challenge. There is no way to be ready for everything. The balance between preparedness and fear is delicate. We all love our way of life here in Seminole and don't want things to change. However, as the world changes around us, we'll continue to adapt by making safety a priority.

Closing Thoughts

As we continue the start of another school year, we are planning for monumental moments. We always want to strive to enhance the excellence that we enjoy. We appreciate the support this community continues to provide to our schools. Our students benefit greatly from the interest you take in their education and extracurricular activities. Please share with us in supporting our students to do great things.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Kyle Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

S. Kyle Lynch
Seminole ISD
Superintendent of Schools