

Philip Salemi, Superintendent

## Superintendent's Corner - January

Dear District 92½ Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

I hope that you and your family had a great Winter Break. It is the perfect time to recharge and refocus for the new year ahead. In 2019 we want to see our students continue to grow academically and as responsible, kind citizens. We are very excited to welcome everyone back on January 7<sup>th</sup>!

One of the best parts of my job is visiting the schools. December always brings out the best in our students. I was able to catch several student performances throughout the month. If you have not had an opportunity to come to one of our student performances, I highly recommend it. Here are a few pictures from some of my favorite moments.



I am excited to be hosting the first meeting with the Vision Development Team on January 24<sup>th</sup>. This team is comprised of parents, staff, administrators, Board members and students. A strong vision and mission can help all of the stakeholders in our District to reach a common understanding. One of the tasks of this team is to review our current Mission and Vision statements to revise and update them. Stay tuned for updates next month.

Finally, you may have seen information go out from each school about the 5Essentials Survey. 5Essentials is an evidence-based system designed to drive improvement in schools nationwide. The 5Essentials system is based on more than 20 years of research by the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research on five components found to be critical for school success: **Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Supportive Environment, Involved Families, and Ambitious Instruction.** Please click <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> to fill out your survey.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone back from Winter Break. We are ready for the new year! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at [psalemi@sd925.org](mailto:psalemi@sd925.org) or by phone at 708-670-1927. Looking forward to 2019!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PSalemi'.

Philip Salemi  
Superintendent