



Dear NRHEG Elementary Families,

Greetings! I hope that this message finds you and your family well. As we near the end of the 2020-2021 school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to share a few thoughts with you about this year, but also about the past 11 years that I've been blessed to be at the elementary school.

I arrived at NRHEG Elementary in July of 2010. I had been a third and fourth grade teacher in Windom, and I had the chance to move to NRHEG for the elementary administrative position. Professionally, this was one of the best decisions that I've made. The opportunity to be the elementary principal here has been the highlight of my 36-year career in education.

We have remarkable students at this school that come from very supportive homes and families. **Thank you** for the support that you've provided to your children and to our staff and school community. I know that this year, especially, you have taken on responsibilities and tasks that possibly you've not had to do before. But, you've done a remarkable job, and you have helped to keep our students in school for much of this school year. Navigating this year has been a concerted team effort, and I want you to know how much it has been appreciated and how grateful we are.

I do have enough years of experience in education to know that NRHEG Elementary is **unique**~ in a very good way. From the moment I arrived, until the time I leave, I have felt supported in the work that I do as a building leader. Not every place is like that. A few reasons why this is true include:

~**Our Students** that love learning and fully engage in the opportunities that are available to them in school and in our community. They are absolutely amazing!

~**Our Dedicated Staff** that works tirelessly to plan and prepare lessons and activities to meet the needs of their students. Their work this year has been outstanding. It has always been; it is just that this year we were able to be reminded again and again just how very talented they are.

~**Our Families/Community** who devote themselves to education, their child's success and supporting our school community. You've been honest in your opinions, shared your thoughts and ideas openly, and celebrated our successes with us. Along with this, I have yet to work with a **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** that is as highly dedicated to its students than our very own. Throughout my time here, the PTO Board and its members and donors have given thousands of dollars that go directly to our students through field trips, technology, theater, art, curriculum, programming and so much more. They are a talented volunteer group who quietly lead and engage the NRHEG Community. Thank you to these individuals, past and present, for everything that you've done for our school. You, along with our donors, have touched hundreds of lives.

While the next few weeks will be bittersweet, I continue to look forward to every student, staff and community interaction as it has been those connections and relationships that are at the heart of what I do. I can't imagine what the summer and fall will be like without them. However, I do look forward to new experiences and new relationships that will be nurtured as I pursue a different work opportunity. I will forever treasure my time here, and I am so very thankful that I had the opportunity to close out this part of my professional career here, at NRHEG. There is no other place that would have ever been able to compete with what I've had here. Thank you.
Mr. Anderson

A graphic with the words "thank you" written in a cursive, handwritten font. The text is black and set against a light gray background with a subtle shadow effect.