



## Hale Area Schools

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The start of the final marking period of the school year brings many things - springtime weather, assessments, the end of the school year, and our crowning celebration with the graduation of the Class of 2023. As we approach the end of the school year, it is important to stay focused on our Mission Statement, which is listed at the bottom of the page of this letter. Within the few words of this statement is a ton of meaning. We need everyone's help in striving to fulfill this mission.

I am going to highlight a few phrases from it. The first is "successful, lifelong learners". That probably means something different for each student but as their (and our) life goes on, we always need to learn, and have the skills to learn new things. Next "in an ever-changing society". I can't think of a time in my life where things seem to be changing so quickly. Collectively, we need to help teach our youth the ability to adapt and develop grit to deal with the ups and downs of life and changes throughout our time on earth.

Finally, "responsible citizens" and "make a positive contribution to their community". These are concepts that are very important, but our society is at a crossroads of what this really means, and how it should be applied. Helping our youth, as well as our adults, learn how to be an asset to our community will only be achieved if we model this for each other.

Your support of the students, the staff, and the Hale Area Schools community is extremely important for us to be as successful as possible. Keeping our eyes on our Mission Statement will be critical for our students and our future society.

Yours in Education,

Jeffrey J. Yorke, Superintendent  
Hale Area Schools

*Mission Statement: Our mission is to empower all students to be successful, lifelong learners in an ever-changing society, confident and respectful individuals who are able to live safe, happy, and active lives, and responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to their community.*