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# Caledonia Community Schools

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Hello Caledonia Community Schools community,

I hope you are enjoying the summer. I am looking forward to seeing our amazing families, staff and students this fall! Despite a challenging year, we truly have a lot to celebrate in Caledonia. Working together we've been able to provide a high-quality education to thousands of students year after year, and even during a pandemic.

We improved our graduation rate to 96.3 percent, which is 14 points higher than the state average. More than 16 percent of our graduating seniors this year took one or more AP courses and received a 4.0 or higher and 81 percent of our graduates are planning to continue their education next year. Additionally, all schools in our district received an "A" for proficiency based on standardized testing prior to the pandemic. In addition, over the past three years we have adopted an aggressive strategic plan with broad community input and passed an operating millage renewal and \$88 million school bond.

In response to recent media reports, discussions at our school board meetings, and questions from our families we held a Dialogue with Doc discussion last week to share updates with parents and allow an opportunity for an open question and response session. If you were unable to attend, you can view the recording on our website at this [link](#) and review the [FAQ document](#) that was developed to help answer some questions.

I hope you find this update helpful and look forward to seeing students back in school this fall. Please visit our website and social media sites for additional updates throughout the coming months.

Thank you,

Dr. Dedrick Martin

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