

## FRIDAY FAMILY MESSAGE



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# Family Communication January 13, 2023

### Hello Families,

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to realizing the dream of freedom, equality, peace, and economic and social justice. At Stanwood-Camano School District, we are committed to advancing that dream by ensuring equitable access to education for all our students.

Stanwood High School's Equity Club, ASB Officers, and Assistant Principal Carolyn Coombs organized an in-depth event celebrating and detailing the impact of Dr. King and the work still ahead. Please consider watching it <u>HERE</u>.

Dr. King said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?"

In that spirit, please also consider volunteering your time on the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Day of Service through a local organization or through the MLK Day of Service website.

Please enjoy Monday with your families and friends. And if you can, volunteer or mentor in your community to move us closer to Dr. King's vision of the Beloved Community.

## **Debbie Bayes joins the School Board**

Please join me in welcoming our newest Stanwood-Camano School Board member: Debbie Bayes.

The School Board interviewed five candidates for the vacant District 4 seat on Monday, Jan. 9, before voting to select Bayes.

Director Bayes is a Stanwood High School graduate who works as an intercultural consultant and trainer.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17. See the agenda HERE

## Help us find the next Stanwood High School principal

We have started the search for the next Stanwood High principal — and you can help.

After 17 years as principal at Stanwood High School, Christine Del Pozo will transition to the role of Executive Director of Human Resources for Stanwood-Camano School District on July 1. Del Pozo replaces Maurene Stanton, who is retiring June 30 after 9 years as the Executive Director of Human Resources for the District.

Please take a minute to fill out <u>THIS SURVEY</u> to help shape the search for the next Stanwood High principal. Your input and feedback is crucial to driving this process.

A diverse team composed of more than 20 members of the community, staff, students, and the District Equity Team will be involved in candidate interviews later this month. The selection would be announced in the days after the interviews.

As part of the job changes and in a cost-neutral move, the district is also seeking a full-time District Athletic Director who will oversee both middle school athletics and the high school athletics programs. The current high school Athletic Director responsibilities will shift to this full-time position, allowing our current principals and assistant principals at high and middle schools to focus their efforts on our district's strategic plans, goals, and strategies. We are grateful for the dedicated work of our assistant principals as they skillfully managed the increasingly demanding duties of two job titles.

#### Get school updates via text

We are adding text messaging capability to our school communication system, which currently uses phone calls and emails. The system will be configured to send text messages to cell phone numbers whose recipients have agreed to receive them.

You probably already received a text 67587 earlier this week requesting you to opt-in to receive important informational text messages from your child's school. You simply need to Reply Y to confirm (messaging and data rates may apply).

Alternatively, you can text "Y" to 67587 to opt-in to receive texts. In the future, if a recipient's cellphone number is changed or a new number added to our information system database, the new number will automatically be sent an opt-in message.

#### Parent forum on inclusionary practices

Parents of students in special education are invited to participate in a discussion forum from 6:30-7:30 p.m. February 22 in the boardroom at the district office. The main topic will be inclusionary practices, though other topics will be discussed.

This will be an opportunity to talk with district administrators about program successes and challenges around inclusion for special education students in the general education environment.

Can't make it? Don't worry! Another parent discussion forum on the same topic is scheduled for May 3.

## New elementary school boundaries

Stay up to date on the latest work by the Capital Facilities Advisory Committee (CFAC) to better balance school enrollment. Learn more <u>HERE</u>.

#### Get social with us!

Please remember to follow the SCSD on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>, and follow my tweets <u>@rumbaughsupt</u>.

Respectfully, Deborah Rumbaugh, Ed.D. Superintendent