

DCSS digest

Highlighting Excellence in the **DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

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The mission of the Douglas County School System is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe, supportive environment.

Letter from the Superintendent



Dear Douglas County Families:

This year, over 2,000 Douglas County students accepted their diplomas and began the next chapter of their lives. As each student turned the tassel on their cap and transitioned from student to graduate, I beamed with excitement and pride.

Graduations are always an exciting and exhilarating experience. These momentous and joy filled occasions are an immense source of pride for our scholars, families, employees and the community.

Every time a Douglas County scholar graduates, our school community celebrates. We celebrate because we have worked hard to prepare students for a lifetime of success. Whether they leave our school system and pursue higher education, enter the job market directly or serve our country, I can be sure of two things.

First, our graduates are poised to make a difference in the world. They enter the world prepared for a global marketplace and are highly sought out by colleges, universities, and employers. We offer students a relevant, rigorous education that encourages independent thinking and creative problem solving. In addition, our well developed curriculum offers students the opportunity to connect their studies to the world around them.

Highly qualified educators, all committed to student success, guide our students to excellence. They have the full support of our school system and our Board of Education. A powerful network of community advocates and international business leaders also supports their educational and professional pursuits. These Douglas County businesses and global industries connect our students with real life business experience and opportunities.

As a result, our graduates enter the job market and institutions of higher learning ready to compete with students from around the world. Douglas County students are not only work ready, but they are also relentless in their pursuit of academic excellence. The Class of 2021 earned \$68 million in money to pursue higher learning at many of our nation's top colleges and universities.

One last thing I know for certain is that this graduating class leaves us with a hope filled future. The past year has been filled with significant changes, but it has also been marked by triumph and great hope.

With hard work, determination and grit, the Class of 2021 persevered throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They joined other Douglas County students in their quest for excellence. They worked hard, believing better days were ahead. And once again we could not be more proud.

Our students represent a district wide and community wide commitment to student success. As we look forward to the 2021-2022 school year, we look forward to offering students the same opportunities for success. There remains work to be done and there are always opportunities for growth. But with the support of the Board of Education, our employees, and community members like you, we will continue working to ensure students achieve their maximum potential.

Thank you, Douglas County families, for the trust you have placed in your school system. I will forever be grateful for your support of students on their path to success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trent North".

Trent North
Superintendent, Douglas County School System