Thank you Lora and Vonny for your inspirational words

To our guests, I am Dr.Tremayne Clardy, the proud superintendent of the Verona Area School District. I would like to thank you for joining us in this beautiful facility as we prepare for the presentation of diplomas

To you, our graduates, I want to pause and say a personal thank you, for embracing me as your new Superintendent and please know that you will forever have a special place in my heart as my first graduating class.

- In a few short moments, each of you will be joining us on the stage to receive your diploma.
- You will be joining a cohort of 120 graduating classes who have come before you.
- Your diploma means that **you** are among the proud people who have graduated from this elite institution of education.
- These diplomas are far more than a material item. It is a symbol of the qualities that as a VASD graduate we know you possess:
 - \circ You are a critical thinker
 - You have embraced and advocated for equity, diversity, and inclusion
 - \circ You have accepted the challenge of high expectations

- You understand the importance of physical and social emotional wellness as the foundation of your well being
- You understand that a mistake is an opportunity to learn and grow
- Finally you have brought honor to the family, peers, and staff that have supported your journey

Being a VASD graduate means you have completed the journey and taken advantage of your right to a world-class education.

You have earned the right to stand with pride and say I am not just a graduate, I am a Verona Area School District graduate and that means you are among the elite.

- And so it is with great honor, that I say Congratulations, you've earned it.
- At this time, I will call upon members of the Verona Area School District Board of Education, to please stand.
- Members of the Board, I hereby certify to you that these members of the Class of 2022 of Verona Area High School have fulfilled all of the requirements of the Board of Education & the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

It is now my honor to begin the presentation of diplomas to the Verona Area High School Class of 2022.