

Office of the Superintendent



Greetings,

A book is read from cover to cover for the first time.

Every note of a song is perfectly hit.

The numbers and letters are no longer mysterious symbols rather meaningful equations resulting in logical answers.

A diploma is handed to a graduating senior.

These accomplishments are the results of the work done by teachers. Today marks the start of Teacher Appreciation Week, a week set aside to acknowledge and thank those who are making a difference in our classrooms.

Teachers are often defined by the tasks they must do. We often hear words such as lecture, differentiate, deliver instruction, assign homework, or give tests as a way to describe the work of a teacher. Although these words may describe a few of the many tasks teachers do, they don't describe the essence of being a teacher. They don't even come close to describing what truly motivates teachers to help students learn.

Teachers make connections, inspire, motivate, listen, build confidence, and most importantly teachers create relationships. They create relationships with their students that allow them to open their minds to learning and in turn open the doors to a world of opportunity.

As a teacher here in Dearborn, then as a principal, and now as Superintendent, I have had the privilege to work with teachers who possess all of these qualities. They are making a difference in the lives of each student they meet whether it is in the classroom, on the field, or during those few minutes before or after the school day.

The teachers who I know, visit with, and talk to never let challenges become excuses for failure. They use their own talents, skills, and expertise as professional educators to motivate students to be successful. Teachers throughout this district are not looking for the glow of the spotlight rather they provide the spark that allow students to shine. For so many, teaching is not a job but a passion, a passion to help others learn. I see this commitment, care, and love throughout our district.

On behalf of the Board of Education, the entire administrative team, and parents across the district I would like to thank each and every one of our teachers for your dedication to the profession, the students, but most important, to making a difference in lives of the children in each and every classroom.

My most sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Maleyko".

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Superintendent