



# NORTH JUDSON-SAN PIERRE SCHOOL CORPORATION

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January is here and a new semester begins. North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation's instructional staff is aware of and prepared for the many opportunities and challenges we face in the second half of this school year. Due to the ever-changing school accountability system and legislator-driven confines placed on us, it is becoming more and more difficult to provide our students with the best, individualized education.

How can we provide our students with the necessary curriculum and support needed to be college and/or career ready when the State will not provide financial resources or proper implementation guidance? What can we do to ensure that our students receive the individual instruction and support they need as opposed to the state-imposed "one-size-fits-all" curriculum geared towards a 4-year college? How will we not only survive in this ambiguous education environment, but also thrive?

I am confident in the fact that NJ-SP has the right attitude and philosophy to endure and prosper. We have always been about what is best for our students. We know the needs of our students. We know our community. We know our strengths. Our staff has always rendered the feelings of strength and pride in our work. Educational trends, issues, and mandates are no strangers to us. We have always tackled the challenges with a "can-do-spirit". The trials and tasks ahead of us will be met with that same mentality. We will set an example for our students, colleagues, and community regarding rural public school success. We may be weighted down by an overemphasis on test scores; however, we have not wavered from our focus on our students as individuals. We value individualized instruction and curriculum. Effective remediation requires it. Effective career preparation requires it. Effective college preparation requires it.

I offer you a preview of what NJ-SP will focus on in the upcoming months in order to deliver quality instruction to our students, while adhering and abiding by state mandates and parameters.

- Building principals, teachers, and counselors will review curriculum and master schedules in order to ensure appropriate course offerings.
- The Superintendent and Board of School Trustees will continue to share information regarding school accountability and graduation pathways with community.
- A brainstorming session with economic development leaders will be organized to gather ideas on providing work and service experiences for our students.
- Administrators will talk and share ideas with other area administrators—we are all in the same boat, there is no need to travel this journey alone.

Please continue to support and encourage our students and staff. When schools and community work together and support each other, success and achievement occur. Here is to a very prosperous 2018 for our school community.