



A Message from Superintendent Tim Collins

The Hastings School District is a few weeks away from completing the almost unbelievable task of reinvesting in four educational sites and the reorganization of seven different locations when you count the former Senior Center, Alternative Learning Center and Community Education programs. Our staff, and hundreds of contractors from the surrounding area, has accomplished this feat in some of the most difficult, and humid working conditions, that anyone can remember! Hats off to our community, and district employees, for believing in a vision and working to get the tasks accomplished for current students and future generations to come. In all honesty, the magnitude of the work to be completed was more than I ever imagined. We completely packed and moved Tilden, the Senior Center, Alternative Learning Center, Adult Basic Education, Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Special Education and Community Education. In addition, a majority of the middle school site, JFK Elementary and Pinecrest Elementary were moved as well.

The adults of the Hastings Communities should be extremely proud of the financial commitment that has been put forward to reinvest in our facilities and children during these very tough economic times. The Hastings School District was the number one school district in the State of Minnesota to receive the low interest bonding opportunity, and we took advantage of that opportunity. The tough economic times have produced very

competitive bidding and we are going to benefit by accomplishing more than we had originally anticipated. The following is a short list of some of those accomplishments:

- The middle school will have a fire sprinkling system throughout the entire facility.
- Security Entrances at all elementary sites and the middle school site.
- Improved space for senior citizens and early childhood students.
- Climate controlled HVAC systems in all of our educational sites.
- Upgraded video security at our middle school site.
- Improved technological capabilities.

The communities of the Hastings School District have had a long standing tradition of not relying on the federal government or our legislators to take care of our core needs. It is very evident from the recent government shutdown that we as a community, and school district, must continue with the tradition of taking matters into our own hands. Our communities have made the difficult decisions to close down facilities in an effort to save operational costs. We have also reinvested in our existing facilities to make sure that the investments of adults in the 1960's and 70's are still operational and viable educational sites in the year 2025 and beyond. I would stack up what we have accomplished in the last five years against any other school district and community in the State of Minnesota. The fact that our school district was the number one school district to receive low interest bonds was not an accident - our communities always strive to be number one!